TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2021 - 27

TO RECOGNIZE WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council (the “Tribal Council”) is the duly recognized governing body of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (the “Tribe”) and is responsible for the health, safety, education and welfare of all community members; and

WHEREAS, older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 4th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, and its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe recognizes the importance of raising awareness, addressing and preventing elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, as our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a nation; and

WHEREAS, ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that it is up to all of us, to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and

WHEREAS, preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and

WHEREAS, where there is justice there can be no abuse; therefore, the Tribe urges all people to restore justice by honoring our elders; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council wishes recognize the engaging and empowering movement and encourages all of our communities to recognize and celebrate elders and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of Indian Country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and proclaim that it shall be annually acknowledged on June 15 in the Akwesasne Mohawk Territory.

SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBAL COUNCIL

[Signatures of Tribal Chiefs]

CERTIFICATION: This is to certify that the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Council pursuant to the authority vested therein duly passed the above resolution.

[Signature of Tribal Clerk]