

**BY: BRIAN BROCHETTI, MARK CASSELBERRY, JEFFREY CROSSMAN,
VITO DIPIERRO, ALLAN DIVIS, DEBORAH LIME, LARRY NAPOLI,
KRISTIN SABAN, SCOTT TUMA**
(By Request: Law Director)

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BOTH
“ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY”
DESIGNATED FOR JUNE 15, 2016 AND
THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL’S
ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Elder abuse crosses racial, ethnic, economic, and religious backgrounds and reaches families in every Ohio community; and,

WHEREAS, the effects on victims of elder abuse can range from financial loss to physical injury or even death; and,

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched June 15, 2006 by the International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States proclaimed June 15, 2016 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, renewing our commitment to combat and raise awareness of elder abuse and ensure security and dignity for all seniors; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General’s Office offers services to help law enforcement identify and investigate cases of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General’s Elder Justice Initiative helps to identify potential elder abuse cases, provide technical assistance in criminal investigations, and assist in prosecutions; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General’s Elder Justice Initiative also works to coordinate victim services, raise awareness of elder abuse, and help build local capacity; and,

WHEREAS, on Friday, August 26, 2016, the Ohio Attorney General’s Elder Justice Initiative will hold a free Elder Financial Exploitation Symposium from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Auditorium in Richfield; and,

WHEREAS, the event will address warning signs of elder financial exploitation, examine legal interventions, and discuss tools to assist victims; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Parma Victims’ Advocate and the City of Parma supports and joins the national and local efforts to assist law enforcement and protect victims;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA,
STATE OF OHIO:**

Section 1. That the Council and the Administration of the City of Parma hereby support “Elder Abuse Awareness Day” designated June 15, 2016, and hereby urge residents of this community, and communities across the country, to support the Ohio Attorney General’s Office Elder Justice Initiative during this week and throughout the year.

Res. Supporting Both "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" and Ohio Atty. Gen's elder Justice Initiative, and Declaring An Emergency

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the observance and activities taking place, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH
THE MAYOR: _____ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO