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RESOLUTION

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CITY COUNCIL 18-00882

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

Recognizing June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month

FOR the purpose of recognizing June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month, urging all Baltimoreans to learn the signs of elder abuse, and calling on the public to join with government at all levels to help eliminate the unconscionable mistreatment of elders in our communities.

****The introduction of an Ordinance or Resolution by Councilmembers at the request of any person, firm or organization is a courtesy extended by the Councilmembers and not an indication of their position.**

Agencies

_____	_____	_____	_____
Baltimore City Public School System	_____	_____	_____
Baltimore Development Corporation	_____	_____	_____
City Solicitor	_____	_____	_____
Comptroller's Office	_____	_____	_____
Department of Audits	_____	_____	_____
Department of Finance	_____	_____	_____
Department of General Services	_____	_____	_____
Department of Housing and Community Development	_____	_____	_____
Department of Human Resources	_____	_____	_____
Department of Planning	_____	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____	_____
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Department of Public Works	_____	_____	_____
Department of Real Estate	_____	_____	_____
Department of Recreation and Parks	_____	_____	_____
Department of Transportation	_____	_____	_____
Fire Department	_____	_____	_____
Health Department	_____	_____	_____
Mayor's Office of Employment Development	_____	_____	_____
Mayor's Office of Human Services	_____	_____	_____
Mayor's Office of Information Technology	_____	_____	_____
Office of the Mayor	_____	_____	_____
Police Department	_____	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____	_____
Department of Environmental Control Board	_____	_____	_____
Fire & Police Employees' Retirement System	_____	_____	_____
Labor Commissioner	_____	_____	_____
Parking Authority Board	_____	_____	_____
Planning Commission	_____	_____	_____
Wage Commission	_____	_____	_____
Other: _____	_____	_____	_____
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Board of Estimates	_____	_____	_____
Board of Ethics	_____	_____	_____
Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals	_____	_____	_____
Comm. for Historical and Architectural Preservation	_____	_____	_____
Commission on Sustainability	_____	_____	_____
Employees' Retirement System	_____	_____	_____
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Boards and Commissions

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0088R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton, President Young, Councilmembers Bullock, Henry,
Pinkett, Cohen, Sneed, Scott, Stokes, Burnett, Clarke, Schleifer
Introduced and adopted: June 4, 2018

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

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Recitals

June is the month dedicated to raising awareness for abuse of the elderly. Elder Abuse Awareness Month is tackling a huge, important issue since many seniors are being abused. Sadly, elders too often suffer from many kinds of abuse – including physical, financial, and emotional abuse.

According to HelpGuide.org, over half a million reports of abuse of elderly Americans are made to authorities each year. It's believed that many more instances are never reported. Elder abuse can be hard to detect because it can take place behind closed doors in an older person's home, caretakers in an institution can be the perpetrators, or scam artists can get at them over the phone, via computer, or at their front door. Sadly, many cases of abuse are at the hands of family.

Abuse is not always actively done with force. It can also be neglect. The senior is not fed, not kept clean or warm, not kept safe, not given proper medical care.

Since elder abuse is often so hard to detect, it is important for everyone to be able to pick up on the clues when it may be going on around you. HelpGuide.org offers suggestions of possible indications that an elderly person is being or has been abused:

- Do you see changes in personality or behavior?
- Is there noticeable tension or friction between the older person and their caregiver?
- Has the older person lost weight? This can be a sign of malnutrition or dehydration because of not being fed properly.
- Are they dirty, or are their clothes dirty?
- Are glasses broken and over time not repaired and taken care of?
- Are they seen wandering around on their own when they shouldn't be?

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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- Do you see signs of possible restraint, like rope marks or bruising on wrists or other parts of the body? Do they have bedsores?

Not all people who abuse the elderly will seem like bad people. Often they are just people who can't handle the pressures and responsibilities of looking after someone who is frail and unable to take care of themselves. But this does not change the fact that our seniors must be protected from such treatment, no matter what the reasons for it. If it looks like abuse may be going on, it should be reported so that it can be stopped.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Council recognizes June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month, urges all Baltimoreans to learn the signs of elder abuse, and calls on the public to join with government at all levels to help eliminate the unconscionable mistreatment of elders in our communities.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Health Commissioner, the Director of Recreation and Parks, the Housing Commissioner, the Director of Social Services, the Executive Director of the Commission on Aging and Retirement Education, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL _____ R
(Resolution)

APPROVED FOR FORM STYLE, AND TEXTUAL SUFFICIENCY
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DEPT LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton and President Young

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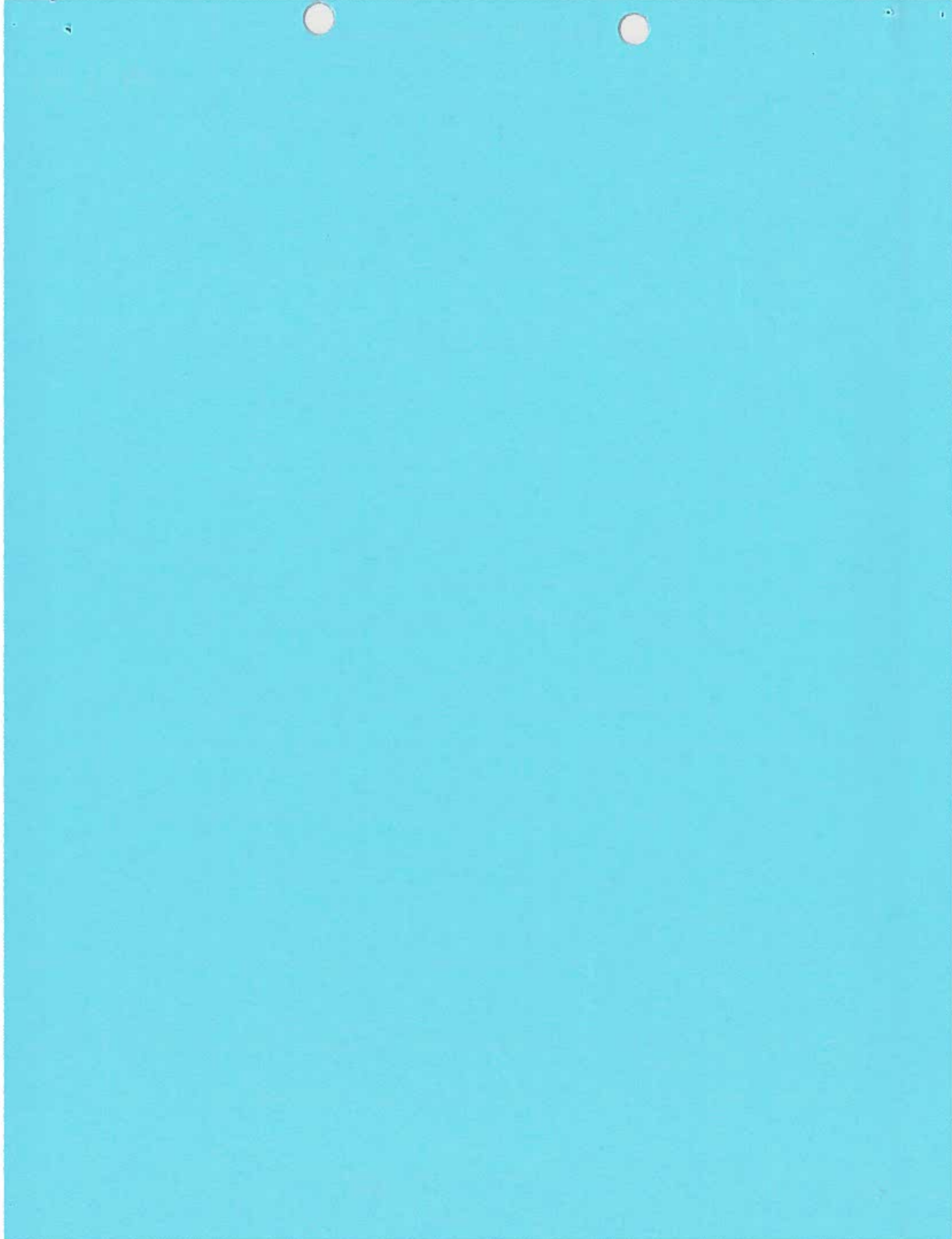
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ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON _____ 20 _____

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF _____ 20 _____

_____ FAVORABLE _____ UNFAVORABLE _____ FAVORABLE AS AMENDED _____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for
Third Reading on:

_____ 20 _____

_____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

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THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20 _____

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20 _____

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn
from the files of the City Council.

President

Chief Clerk