

*Office of the Mayor*

# *Proclamation*

*Lawrence, Kansas*

**WHEREAS:** *America's seniors deserve to live safely with dignity, and as independently as possible, with the supports they need; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Elder abuse is most often defined as any act that harms a senior or jeopardizes his or her health or welfare; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Eliminating abuse to older persons is each community's responsibility and the City of Lawrence is concerned about the risk to our older residents who suffer from neglect or are victims of financial, emotional, or physical abuse; and*

**WHEREAS:** *All of our residents should watch for signs of abuse such as physical trauma, withdrawal, depression, anxiety, fear of family members, friends or caregivers;*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Mike Amyx, Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 15, 2010 as*

***"Elder Abuse Awareness Day"***

*in the City of Lawrence and encourage everyone to build safer communities for our elderly residents.*

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**Mike Amyx, Mayor**

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**June 8, 2010**

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