

Motion

NWT Elder Abuse Awareness Week

WHEREAS our elders hold the wisdom, history and knowledge of our communities and our territory, and should be respected and honoured;

AND WHEREAS elder abuse, including physical, sexual, psychological and financial abuse and neglect, is sadly a common and significant threat to seniors in our communities;

AND WHEREAS the International Network on the Prevention of Elder Abuse has proclaimed June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day;

AND WHEREAS the NWT Seniors' Society has declared June 12th to 18th as NWT Elder Abuse Awareness Week;

AND WHEREAS proclamation of an NWT Elder Abuse Awareness Week would raise public awareness of the various forms of abuse older adults experience throughout the NWT and would encourage seniors to become more informed and educated about the signs of elder abuse and the supports and help available to them, and would support efforts to make the lives of older adults better;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Sahtu, that the Legislative Assembly resolves to formally observe June 12-18, 2011 as NWT Elder Abuse Awareness Week.