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DPHSS Marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Day *June 15 observance shines a light on an issue that often goes unseen*

Hagåtña, Guam – The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), Division of Senior Citizens (DSC), and Adult Protective Services (APS) will observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on **Monday, June 15, 2026**, with a proclamation signing and community World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Purple Wave aimed at bringing greater attention to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

While older adults are often the heart of our families and communities, abuse can occur behind closed doors and may go unnoticed. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day serves as a reminder that every older adult deserves to live with dignity, safety, and respect.

Community members are encouraged to wear purple and participate in the day's activities as a visible show of support for Guam's older adults.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Monday, June 15, 2026 Event Details

- **Proclamation Signing** at the R.J. Bordallo Governor's Complex Large Conference Room, Adelup at 11:30 a.m.
- **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Purple Wave** at the Sinajaña intersection near Mobil and 76 Gas Station from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

What to Wear

Purple attire is encouraged.

Adult Protective Services works with older adults, families, caregivers, and community partners to address reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation while connecting vulnerable adults with available resources and support services.

For more information, contact Adult Protective Services at (671) 735-7415/7421 or aps.guam@dphss.guam.gov.

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