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Commissioners Proclaim Pledge to End Elder Abuse

Leonardtown, MD - St. Mary's County is home to a growing population of older adults. The community benefits from their collective experience and continued contribution. In proclaiming World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the Commissioners of St. Mary's County reminded everyone that it is the community's responsibility to ensure older adults are treated with respect and dignity as they continue to serve as leaders, mentors and volunteers.

"Not all older adults enjoy a safe living situation and it is incumbent upon the public to improve the quality of life for all," Commissioner President Randy Guy pointed out.

The commissioners pledged their commitment to preventing elder abuse from occurring and encourage all citizens to do the same.

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