

# World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation

**WHEREAS** **Australia's** seniors are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity and;

**WHEREAS** abuse of older people is a tragedy inflicted on vulnerable seniors, and ever-increasing problem in today's society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries;

**WHEREAS** combating abuse of older people will help improve the quality of life for all seniors across this country and will allow seniors to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of Australia;

**WHEREAS** **Australia's** seniors are guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of our community;

**WHEREAS** we are all responsible for building safer communities for **Australia's** seniors; and

**WHEREAS** the well-being of **Australia's** seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the well-being of **Australian** communities;

I, Rev. Dr. Douglas Purnell, Minister of St Ives Uniting Church, St Ives NSW do, on behalf of our church community, hereby proclaim our commitment and support of World Respect for Seniors & Elder Abuse Awareness Day on 20th June 2010 and encourage all **Australian's** to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Australia's senior citizens.

Signed & Dated at St Ives Uniting Church on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_ Minister Rev. Dr. Douglas Purnell.