

## For Immediate Release

### Caroline County Council Recognizes World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

At their May 31<sup>st</sup> Commissioners meeting, the Caroline County Council awarded a Proclamation to Upper Shore Aging and members of the Caroline County Department of Social Services' Adult Services unit in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, which is recognized nationally on June 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

Elder abuse is a global social issue that affects many older adults in Caroline County. The Caroline County Department of Social Services, in collaboration with Upper Shore Aging (the designated Area Agency on Aging through the Maryland Department of Aging), has organized an event for June 15, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that will include a panel of speakers to provide information and resources to raise awareness of the issues affecting this vulnerable population. The event will be held at the Caroline County Health Department, 403 S. 7th Street, and is free and open to the public.

Pictured standing - L to R: Sandra Magee, Family Services Caseworker; Commissioner Daniel Franklin; Cynthia Sturgis, Family Services Caseworker; Doreen Patrick, Adult Services Supervisor; Commissioner President, Wilbur Levingood; Commissioner Larry Porter; Ty Kennedy, Family Services Therapist, and; Gary Gunther, Executive Director, Upper Shore Aging. Back row - L to R: Sandra Owen, Sr. Care Caseworker, and; Dale Oberender, Assistant Director for Services.

