

PREAMBLE

There is no specific international or universal covenant which promulgates the rights of older persons. However, the universe is engaged in one gigantic effort to find its fulfillment. We must each contribute by facilitating and fostering this for every elder of our human family, so they can enjoy the right to liberty, happiness, and a better quality of life.

Our human family needs a bloodstream, a brain, a heart and a soul. It developed our elders for that purpose. Our elders, our real treasures, are the pillars of our communities and families.

WEL, World Elder Land is committed to continue promoting, designing, implementing and co-creating meaningful partnerships for a culture of process-improvement and happiness with the full participation of our elders, and for the betterment of the quality of life of our dear elders and their care-givers all over the world.

Everyone is invited...

"The Universal Declaration Of Elder Rights."

by Kathy J. Ward
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Every elder has the right to be treated with respect and dignity regardless of their health or mental status, sex, skin color, language, nationality, religion or cultural beliefs.

Every elder has the right to live in freedom and safety like any other age group of our human family, all over the world.

Nobody has the right to abuse or torture our elders verbally, physically, emotionally or psychologically or in any other ways.

Every elder has the right to legal protection in the same way any other age group of our human family has, all over the world.

Every elder has the right to a fair and equal work day and compensation for their work, to social pension and or a salary that allows their financial independence.

Every elder has the right to the stimulation and development of their talents, intellectual and physical abilities to their fullest potential;

Every elder has the right to full integration and meaningful participation in our human and social evolving and community affairs;

Every elder has the right to proper nutrition and the betterment of their health and biological markers of aging, according to their choices based on their needs, beliefs, cultures and values.

Every elder has the right to be listened to.

Every elder has the right to know, be educated and choose freely their whole-person-centered wellness plan of care, wholistic betterment, medications, health care services and better life-style choices.

Every elder has the right to maintain and nurture their phycho-social, emotional and vocational independence.

Every elder has the right to work for PEACE and live in PEACE by activating PEACE in their actions, words, communications, thoughts, writings, expressive arts, feelings, work and soulful energy.

Every elder has the right to live in HAPPINESS by teaching and modeling HAPPINESS.

Every elder has the right to continuing education, to take part in the world's political affairs, to co-create and belong to meaningful social-support networks, the right to vote and communicate their own ideas.

Every elder has the right to be honored, acknowledged and encouraged for their meaningful contributions and life-long achievements.

Every elder has the right to be treasured as a micro-cell of our evolving human family... with their children; ideas, work, paintings, poems, story-telling, accomplishments, family and community life.

Every elder has the right to put wings to their dreams, be creative, participate in expressive arts, community integration and the co-creation of a better world for all living beings; people, animals and nature.

Every elder has the right to migrate freely to any other part of our planet Earth and Universe.

Every elder has the right to live joyfully among the human family until "graduation day, the day and moment they die", for we become what we love.

Every community member is invited to co-create and facilitate the structure, resources and necessary civic-engagement for the planning and implementation of a better quality of life for our dear elders.

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Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Kathy J. Ward, Universal Peace Ambassador and President of WEL, World Elder Land, proposed that the **Universal Declaration of Elder Rights** be distributed, posted and adopted as a universal document of LOVE for our elders.

WEL, World Elder Land calls upon our dear elders of the world to join our universal efforts of transforming and evolving a better world, a more peaceful world for all living beings; people, animals and nature.

Signed on January 4, 2008 by its author,

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May Peace be with us always...