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Public Guardian and Trustee

PGT celebrates World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Vancouver – The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) is pleased to recognize June 15, 2013 as the 8th World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

“The PGT fully supports this annual day of awareness. The PGT’s work is directed at protecting vulnerable adults from financial abuse,” said Catherine Romanko, Public Guardian and Trustee. “It is estimated that 4 to 10 per cent of seniors experience some form of abuse and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is a focal point for raising awareness of this serious issue.”

World Elder Abuse Day was established by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) and proclaimed by the United Nations in 2006. The theme “My World, Your World, Our World Free of Elder Abuse” was designed to highlight the need for people from everywhere to come together to understand what elder abuse is and how it can be prevented.

For more information on Helping an Adult Get Support and Reporting Abuse or Neglect, visit <http://www.trustee.bc.ca/pdfs/STA/abuseneglect.htm>.

For more information on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, visit <http://www.inpea.net/weaad.html>.

About the Public Guardian and Trustee

The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) is a corporation sole established under the *Public Guardian and Trustee Act*. Its mandate is to:

- Protect the legal and financial interests of children and youth under the age of 19;
- Protect adults who require assistance in decision making through protection of their legal rights, financial interests and personal care interests; and
- Administer estates of deceased persons, estates of missing persons, and act as trustee.

The PGT serves approximately 31,000 clients and administers almost \$1 billion dollars of client assets. For more information see the PGT Annual Report at www.trustee.bc.ca.

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