

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution proclaiming the Month of June 2022 as **Elder and Vulnerable Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Monterey County**.

WHEREAS, in 2002, the **World Health Organization** brought international attention to the issue of elder abuse and by 2006, the **International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse**, joined this opposition by designating **June 15th** as **Elder Abuse Awareness Day**; and

WHEREAS, the **Elder Justice Act of 2010**, was enacted to address **Abuse, Neglect** and the **Exploitation** of the aged, its reauthorization in **2020**, includes the **Safety and Security of Vulnerable Dependent Adults**, raising additional awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic factors that include ageism, ableism, systematic and systemic racism, as elder abuse is a public health, human rights, justice and social issue that contributes to this crisis; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom's *Master Plan for Aging*, released January, 2021 was revised in May, to concentrate on specific goals directly related to the aging vulnerable dependent adult population, to prevent homelessness and isolation, provide equity in housing and health by aggressively preparing proficient and perceptive caregivers and health professionals; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is a premeditated intentional act, or omission to act, by a caregiver or a trusted person in an established relationship involving the expectation of trust that causes or creates any risk of harm to an older or dependent adult, where only 1 in 24 cases are reported and 60% of abusive incidents are family members, in our society challenged by uncertainty with limited age-friendly policies; and

WHEREAS, the trauma of elder abuse can result in the destruction of family and social ties, where multigenerational and extended family networks existed, the loss property and financial security, the deterioration of physical and psychological health and premature death. The mistreatment of older adults may occur in multiple settings such as homes, skilled nursing and assisted living facilities; and

WHEREAS, the victimization of our older and dependent adults cannot be resolved by one individual or agency alone. The Monterey County's Adult Protective Services collaborates with health professionals, law enforcement and advocacy organizations to detect, evaluate, report and prosecute abusers; and

WHEREAS, this, the third year of the Coronavirus Pandemic, and beyond the immediate health impact, the untold fear and suffering of older persons exist now more than ever, as our vulnerable populations are at greater risks of discrimination, isolation, neglect and poverty; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its residents thereof, hereby joins the **Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council** in recognizing the month of **June 2022** as **Elder and Vulnerable Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this official resolution be presented to the **Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council of Monterey County** on June 23, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this the 14th day of June 2022.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: