

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

Resolution No.:

Resolution proclaiming the Month of June 2021 as.....)

Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Monterey County...)

WHEREAS, the **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** launched on June 15, 2006, to oppose any form of abuse of the older population; and

WHEREAS, the **Elder Justice Act** enacted on March 23, 2010, the first federal legislation, comprehensive and coordinated, to address abuse, neglect and exploitation of Elder and Dependent Adults, which remains a public policy, human rights and societal boundary issue; and

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom’s **Master Plan for Aging**, released on January 6, 2021, should be used as a “working blueprint” for local communities to build environments that promote an age friendly California, recognizing the current 65 and over population is 6 million, with a growth projection to 8.6 million by 2030, an increase of 4.3%, increasing the risk for Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse by the same percent; and

WHEREAS, as our county’s population grows, the uniqueness of its diverse population is historically challenged by socioeconomical barriers which includes ageism, ableism, systematic and systemic racism, as ageing is poised to become one of the most significant societal transformations of this century; and

WHEREAS, Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse is a complex issue that requires a multifaceted policy response which requires ongoing funding and extensive training supporting such agencies and programs as Adult Protective Services, reporting 2,365 new cases in 2020, Ombudsman and Law Enforcement to excel at the processes of detecting, evaluating, reporting and prosecuting Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse occurrences are present in many forms encompassing, yet not conclusive to: abandonment, alienation, cognitive misdiagnosis, emotional, financial, homelessness, isolation, loneliness, neglect, physical, psychological, sexual, social deprivation, verbal, cetera, demonstrating the need for preventive services; and

WHEREAS, Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse is a premeditated intentional act, or omission to act, by a caregiver or another person in a relationship involving an expectation of trust that causes or creates any risk of harm to an older or dependent adult, where these abusive incidents are rarely reported; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Pandemic of 2019, has increased the creative opportunities of unscrupulous fraudulent claims guised to manipulate the aged, frail and vulnerable person, thereby, negatively affecting a person’s ability to manage their daily tasks more challenging; 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 2021** as **Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this official resolution be presented to the **Monterey County’s Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council** on June, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this th day of June, 2021.