

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution designating the June 2016 as **Elder and Vulnerable Adult Awareness Month**.....)

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging in the County of Monterey joins the other thirty-two regional Planning and Service Areas, called the California Aging Network, in the State of California and the Nation in declaring June as **Elder and Vulnerable Adult Awareness Month**; and

WHEREAS, enacted as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on March 23, 2010, the Elder Justice Act was the first piece of federal legislation passed to authorize a specific source of federal funds to address elder abuse, neglect and exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared that elder abuse is a violation of one of a human being’s most basic fundamental rights: the right to be safe and free of violence; and

WHEREAS, the Reauthorization of the Elder Justice Act of 2009 and funding for its programs through Fiscal Year 2019 will sustain current elder abuse prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, in response to a fast growing population of seniors, known as the “Senior Tsunami,” where one out of ten seniors, some of which are of diminished capacity, are victims of elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is a culturally diverse concern which spans all socioeconomic levels; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse may be in the forms of physical, emotional and/or psychological abuse to include neglect, self-neglect, financial and/or material exploitation and abandonment; and

WHEREAS, adequate resources and increased funding are needed to support the fastest growing age group and all elders should be given the opportunity to become contributors in their communities and therefore to society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, hereby joins the California State Legislature and recognizes June 2016 as **Elder and Vulnerable Adult Awareness Month** and urges residents of Monterey County to take time to acknowledge that elder abuse is a substantial global public health issue and the need for education, research and policy changes are necessary to raise awareness and promote elder justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this official resolution be presented to the Monterey County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council on **June 7, 2016**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of June, 2016 upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____, on June 7, 2016.

DATED:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California