

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

Resolution No:

Adopt Resolution proclaiming the month of June 2018 as
Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Monterey County.

WHEREAS, Elder and dependent adult abuse is a serious and growing crisis in California; and

WHEREAS, Cases of abuse or exploitation of elder or vulnerable adults are reported with concerning frequency; and

WHEREAS, One in 6 Monterey County residents are 60 years of age and older and Monterey County has seen a 35% increase in reports to Adult Protective Services since 2015; and

WHEREAS, It is projected that Monterey County will receive approximately 2,060 Adult Protective Services referrals in 2018, a 20% increase over 2017; and

WHEREAS, Financial abuse and self-neglect are the most reported categories of abuse and both have a high potential to lead to homelessness among our community's elders; and

WHEREAS, Indicators that abuse may be occurring include bruises, unexplained withdrawal from normal activities, isolation, unusual depression, sudden changes in financial situation; and

WHEREAS, Current estimates suggest that as few as one in 14 cases of elder and dependent adult abuse is reported because the victims are ashamed, hopeless, intimidated, or afraid of the perpetrator; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining a skilled, well-trained Adult Protective Services team is the first step toward the prevention of elder and dependent adult abuse and the creation of a public safety net; and

WHEREAS, Elders and dependent adults have the right to live safely in the least restrictive environment, while being protected from all forms of injustice; and

WHEREAS, June 15 is recognized internationally as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, first established in 2006, to raise awareness of elder and dependent adult abuse and to promote better understanding of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic issues behind the growing incidence of elder and dependent adult abuse around the globe; and

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 in recognizing the month of June 2018 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month, therefore, urging residents of Monterey County to take time to acknowledge Elder Abuse as a substantial global public health issue, in need of educational resources, research and policy changes that are detrimental to the longevity of our society.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this official resolution be presented by the **Monterey County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council** on May 22, 2018.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 22nd day of May 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Nicholas E Chiulos, Acting 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 _____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Nicholas E Chiulos, Acting Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors County of Monterey, State
of California

By _____
_____, Deputy