

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

Resolution No.:

Resolution proclaiming the Month of June 2020 as.....)

Elder Justice Month in Monterey County...

WHEREAS, On March 23, 2010, the Elder Justice Act was enacted as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that Monterey County's Elder and Dependent Adult Population continues to grow exponentially each decade, increasing the risk of Abuse by 4% each year; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Abuse has forms: physical, sexual, financial, neglect by others, psychological and self-neglect, demonstrating the need for preventive and protective services; and

WHEREAS, Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse is an intentional act, or failure to act, by a caregiver or another person in a relationship involving an expectation of trust that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older or dependent adult; and

WHEREAS, Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse is a complex issue that often requires a multidisciplinary response that combines public health interventions, social services programs, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, an aging population will introduce new opportunities for economic and community growth but also drive increased health and long-term care costs; and

WHEREAS, reports to Adult Protective Services increased by 29% between 2018 and 2019 calendar years; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order in June of 2019, calling for the creation of a Master Plan for Aging to be developed by October 1, 2020, recognizing California's population will consist of 8.6 million persons over the age of 65; 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 and Senior Legislature in recognizing the month of **June 2020** as **Elder Justice Month**, therefore, urging residents of Monterey County to take time to acknowledge Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse as a societal issue and is detrimental to the longevity of our aging population.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this official resolution be presented by the **Monterey County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council** on June XX, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____th day of June 2020.

AYES:

NOES: