

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution proclaiming **June 2026** as **Elder Justice and Vulnerable Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month** in Monterey County.

WHEREAS, *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day* is an annual initiative established on June 15, 2006, to raise a global understanding that elder abuse remains an international crisis and that public awareness is essential for a safer aging population, by reporting abuse in all its forms, recognizing its signs, and distinguishing it from the normal aging process; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is preventable, and everyone has a role to play in ensuring that older adults live without fear of being hurt, exploited, or neglected, and while we celebrate the strength, wisdom, and resilience of older adults, we remain steadfast in promoting their right to live free from abuse and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse continues to be a public health, human rights, and social justice issue that, as the age distribution in our communities continues to shift, has found its way into our digital world, making it harder to detect and easier to execute in the form of scams, and to combat this growing risk, both family and informal caregivers are encouraged to learn ways to cope by soliciting assistance from family, friends, and local county behavioral health and social service agencies; and

WHEREAS, a strong call to action by engaging in the State of California's Master Plan for Aging, and incorporating our County of Monterey and its Area Agency on Aging's legislative priorities will ensure solutions that will advance initiatives challenging ageism, build stronger support systems for the prevention and intervention of abuse to promote dignity, uphold the rights and resilience of older and vulnerable adults; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate contributions of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Advocacy, Department of Social Services Adult Protective Services, financial institutions, law enforcement agencies, and other concerned administrative entities, while invaluable, are not enough to stop elder abuse, and as we age together, our collective work must demand a multifaceted response that focuses on the laws and policies shaping available resources and recognizes the critical need for equitable access; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Decade of Healthy Aging led by the World Health Organization and its partners was launched as a global multi-partner initiative in 2021, expanded until 2030, to improve older people's lives by combating ageism, fostering age-friendly

communities, delivering integrated care, and ensuring access to long-term care, with the collaboration of public agencies, governments, private sectors, academia, and the older adult communities themselves so that collective action may add years to life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby joins the County of Monterey Area Agency on Aging and its Advisory Council in recognizing the month of **June 2026** as “**Elder Justice and Vulnerable Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.**”

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2026, upon the motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to wit.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, 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:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy