



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: June 3, 2025

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Number: 25-\_\_\_\_\_

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

### **Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, proclaiming June 2025 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Sonoma County**

**Whereas**, elder and dependent adults have the right to be safe and protected from all types of abuse, including financial, physical, psychological, sexual, or neglect; and

**Whereas**, the issue of elder and dependent adult abuse prevention requires ongoing community awareness and education efforts to promote understanding and partnership with the community; and

**Whereas**, the Human Services Department provides the Adult Protective Services program to investigate reports of elder and dependent adult abuse in the community; and

**Whereas**, Senior Advocacy Services, the organization that administers the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program in Sonoma County, investigates reports of elder abuse and neglect in licensed care facilities; and

**Whereas**, the District Attorney's office investigates and prosecutes cases of elder abuse, and the Victim Services Division provides advocacy, assists with restitution and other claims, and conducts outreach to raise awareness about threats to elder victims in the community; and

**Whereas**, the Sheriff's Office provides safety for victims, investigates allegations, and arrests offenders of elder abuse; and

**Whereas,** the Sonoma County Aging and Disability Commission works to increase public awareness; and

**Whereas,** Financial Abuse Specialist Team volunteers work to educate the community about elder financial abuse and work to strengthen the safety net of agencies charged with protecting elder and dependent adults; and

**Whereas,** all citizens should be aware and educated about elder and dependent adult abuse prevention, and all members of the community, especially the most vulnerable citizens, should be able to live safe and secure lives free from abuse; and

**Whereas,** elder and dependent adult abuse should not be ignored nor endured;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that June 2025 be designated as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**