



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: June 2, 2026

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Proclaiming June 2026 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, the 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 2026 be designated as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.