



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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Date: June 8, 2021

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

Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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4/5 Vote Required

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,  
designating June, 2021 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month In Sonoma  
County**

**Whereas,** the issue of elder abuse affects isolated and vulnerable citizens of Sonoma County; and

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

**Whereas,** the issue of elder abuse prevention requires continual community awareness and education; and

**Whereas,** the Sonoma County Human Services Department provides the Adult Protective Services program, including social workers; and

**Whereas,** Senior Advocacy Services, through the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, investigates reports of elder abuse and neglect in licensed care facilities; leads the Elder Justice Initiative in Sonoma County; and

**Whereas,** The Sonoma County 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 Sonoma County Sheriff's office provides safety for victims, investigates allegations and arrests offenders of elder abuse; and

**Whereas,** the Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council works to increase public awareness; and

**Whereas,** The Elder Justice Coalition and The Financial Abuse Specialist Team are comprised of volunteers working to educate the community about elder abuse and the Elder Justice Coordinator is working 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 abuse prevention, and all members of the community, especially the most vulnerable citizens, should be able to live safe and secure lives without fear, neglect, pain or exploitation; and

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

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that June, 2021 be designated as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Sonoma County.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**