



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: June 4, 2024

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: 24-_____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
proclaiming June 2024 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in
Sonoma County.**

Whereas, elder and dependent adults have the right to be 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 continual community awareness and education to help support isolated and vulnerable citizens of Sonoma County; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County 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, through the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, investigates reports of elder abuse and neglect in licensed care facilities; 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, Financial Abuse Specialist Team volunteers work to educate the community about elder 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 without fear, neglect, pain, or exploitation; and

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

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that June 2024 be designated as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.