County of Sonoma
State of California

Date: June 13, 2022

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, designating June 2022 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Sonoma County

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

Whereas, the Sonoma County Human Services Department provides the Adult Protective Services program and social workers investigating reports of elder and dependent adult abuse in the community; and

Whereas, the Adult Protective Services program offers Mandated Reporter Trainings and provides support for Elder and Dependent Adult Multidisciplinary Team meetings, Financial Abuse Specialist Team meetings, the role of the Elder Justice Coordinator and the Elder Justice Advocate at the Family Justice Center; and

Whereas, Senior Advocacy Services, through the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, investigates reports of elder abuse and neglect in licensed care facilities and 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 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 2022 be designated as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Coursey: Hopkins: Gore:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.