

THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

Board of Supervisors

PROCLAMATION



Whereas~ every year during the month of June, Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month provides an opportunity for communities to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of elder and dependent adults by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect; and

Whereas~ elder and dependent adults are valuable members in the community offering wisdom, experience, and help shape and enrich the lives of younger generations as they age; and

Whereas~ elder and dependent adult abuse is a silent tragedy that robs victims of their dignity, safety, and trust, leaving wounds that are often unseen yet deeply felt. Raising awareness about elder abuse is not just a call to action but a solemn promise to cherish, protect, and honor those who have cared for us and depend upon our care; and

Whereas~ the entire community - individuals, organizations, and institutions alike - have the responsibility to recognize the signs of abuse, protect elder and dependent adults from harm, abuse, and exploitation; and

Whereas~ in 2025, Fresno County received approximately 6,600 reports of suspected elder and dependent adult abuse, 3,121 of these reports met Adult Protective Services criteria for further investigation and 894 investigations resulted in confirmed cases of elder and dependent adult abuse; and

Whereas~ community awareness to elder and dependent adult abuse serves as a vital opportunity to unite efforts, educate the public, and to advocate for those who may not be able to protect themselves; and

Whereas~ Fresno County's elder and dependent adults deserve to live safely, with dignity, and without fear, or risk of exploitation, or maltreatment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in honor of the Older Americans Act, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the month of June 2026 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Fresno County and encourage all residents to increase awareness of recognizing the signs of elder abuse, advocate, and protect elder and dependent adults from abuse, exploitation, and harm.

**ADOPTED BY THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THIS 19TH DAY OF MAY 2026**

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