

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 older adults and dependent adults by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect; and

Whereas~ older and dependent adults are valuable members in the community offering wisdom and experience that helps 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; and

Whereas~ raising awareness about elder and dependent adult abuse is not just a call to action but a solemn promise to cherish, protect, and honor those who have cared for us and are dependent upon our care; and

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

Whereas~ in 2024, Fresno County received approximately 4,105 reports of adult abuse, of which 28% were confirmed cases of older adult abuse; and

Whereas~ according to Fresno-Madera Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, during fiscal year 2023-2024, there was a reported 51% increase in adult abuse allegations occurring with residents of licensed long-term care facilities over the previous fiscal year; 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 the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims June 2025 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in the County of Fresno and encourages all residents to increase awareness, recognize the signs of abuse, advocate, and protect older and dependent adults from abuse, exploitation, and harm.

**ADOPTED BY THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY 2025**

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