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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 21-140

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING JUNE 2021 AS ELDER)
AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE AWARENESS)
MONTHMONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY)**

WHEREAS, Fresno County includes a thriving community of older Americans deserving recognition of their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Elder and dependent adult abuse is a serious problem that bears no association to socio-economic status, race, gender, ethnicity, educational background or geographic location; and

WHEREAS, The National Council on Aging estimates that nearly 5 million, or 1 in every 10, older Americans are abused each year and only 7% (350,000) of the abuse is reported; many victims do not report the abuse due to feelings of shame, fear, and helplessness; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County received approximately 4,624 reports of adult abuse in 2020, 485 of which were confirmed cases; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County's elder and dependent adults deserve to live safely, with dignity and without fear or risk of exploitation; and


WHEREAS, An increase in community awareness is the first step toward the prevention of elder and dependent adult abuse; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing all persons share the responsibility to ensure that proper social systems exist so elder and dependent adults can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of maltreatment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in honor of the Older Americans Act, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the month of June 2021 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

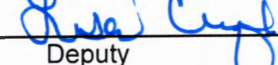
THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 25th day of May, 2021, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None



Steve Brandau, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By 
Deputy