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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-232**

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING JUNE 2019)  
AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

**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 4,780,000 of older Americans are abused each year and only 7% (334,600) of the abuse is reported; and

**WHEREAS**, Fresno County received approximately 5200 reports of adult abuse in 2018 and saw a 9.5% increase in reports from the previous year; many victims do not report the abuse due to feelings of shame, fear and helplessness; and

**WHEREAS**, , Fresno County's elder and dependent adults deserve to live safely, with dignity and without fear or risk of exploitation, and increased awareness is the first step toward prevention of elder and dependent adult abuse.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims June 2019 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Fresno County in honor of the Older Americans Act.

**THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019, to-wit:

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



Nathan Magsig, 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 Susan Bishop  
Deputy