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

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE MONTH )  
OF JUNE AS ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT )  
ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH )

RESOLUTION NO. 20-180

**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 4248 reports of adult abuse in 2019 and saw a 18% decrease in reports from the previous year; 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.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby honor of the Older Americans Act, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the month of June 2020 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020, to-wit:

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

  
Ernest Buddy Mendes, 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