

*The Board of Supervisors of  
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2023/235**

**Proclaiming June 2023 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, as our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to honor and protect elder and dependent adults; and

**WHEREAS**, elder and dependent adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, community members can look out for the safety and protection of seniors and disabled adults by reporting various types of suspected elder abuse, including emotional, financial, physical, sexual, neglect, abandonment, or isolation; and

**WHEREAS**, signs of elder and dependent abuse include lack of basic amenities; a cluttered, soiled living environment; unexplained or uncharacteristic changes in behavior; unexplained sexually transmitted diseases; unpaid bills, new credit cards and/or increased cash withdrawals; harassment, coercion, injury, intimidation or humiliation; and caregiver isolation of the elder or dependent adult; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse, studies show that for every incident of abuse reported to authorities, nearly 24 additional cases remain undetected; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, Adult Protective Services (APS) in Contra Costa County received 5,975 elder and dependent adult abuse reports; and

**WHEREAS**, APS in Contra Costa County investigates abuse concerns and collaborates with other county agencies and community based agencies to protect, advocate and provide services for elder and dependent adult clients; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing abuse of older and dependent adults, through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, nutrition programs, human services, and transportation, enables them to live as independently as possible and contribute to the vibrancy of our communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors acknowledges and proclaims the month of June, 2023 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Contra Costa County, affirming the importance of supporting our older and disabled residents with services and programs to help keep them safe.

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**JOHN GIOIA**

Chair, District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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District III Supervisor

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**KEN CARLSON**

District IV Supervisor

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 13, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy