

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of proclaiming June 2022 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

Resolution No. 2022/205

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

WHEREAS, elder and vulnerable 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, filthy 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; caregiver isolation of the elder or dependent adult; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse, studies have recognized that projections of abuse likely underestimate the actual population prevalence. For every incident of abuse reported to authorities, nearly 24 additional cases remain undetected.

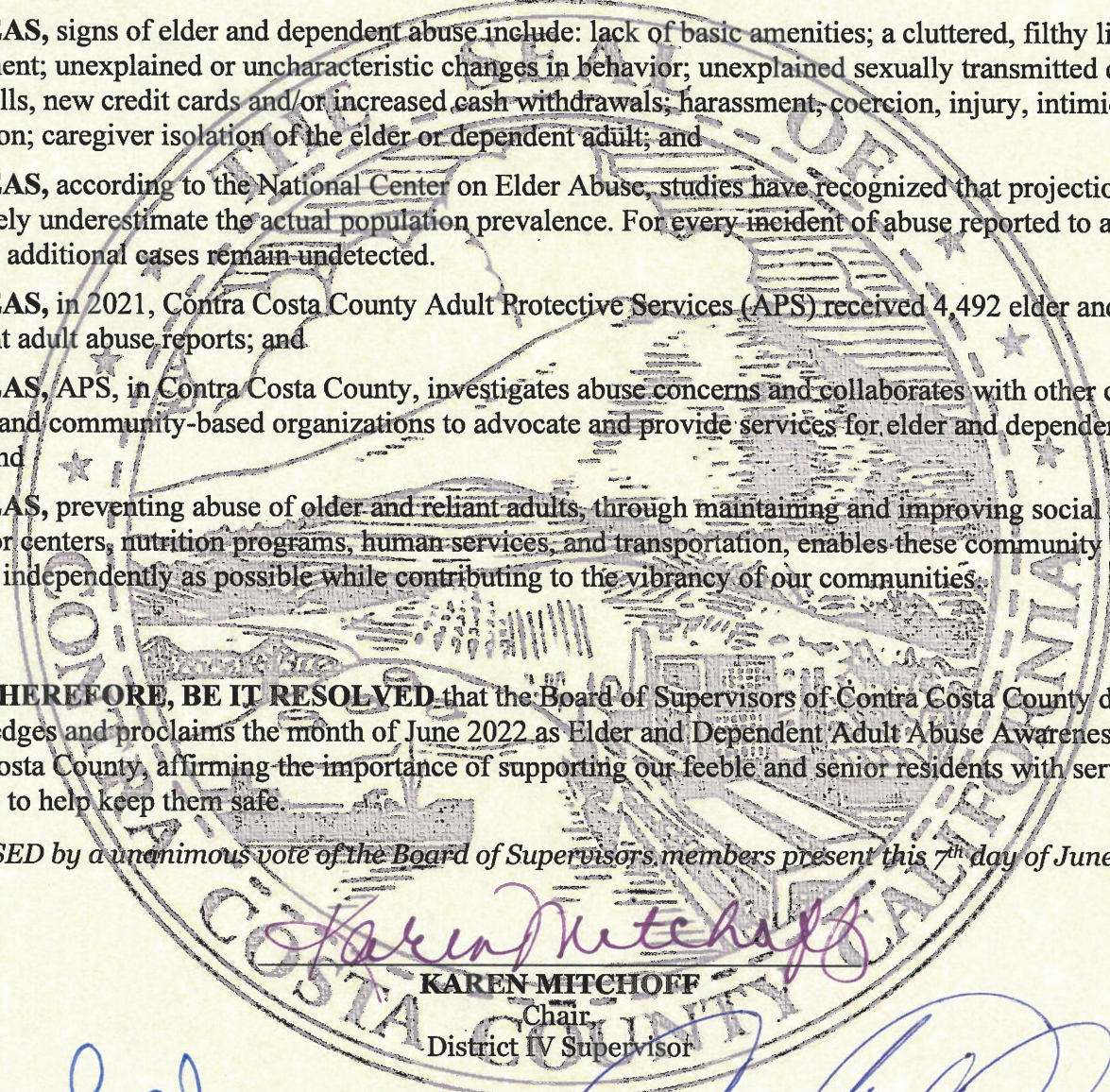
WHEREAS, in 2021, Contra Costa County Adult Protective Services (APS) received 4,492 elder and dependent adult abuse reports; and

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

WHEREAS, preventing abuse of older and reliant adults, through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, nutrition programs, human services, and transportation, enables these community members to live as independently as possible while contributing to the vibrancy of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby acknowledge and proclaims the month of June 2022 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Contra Costa County, affirming the importance of supporting our feeble and senior residents with services and programs to help keep them safe.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 7th day of June 2022.



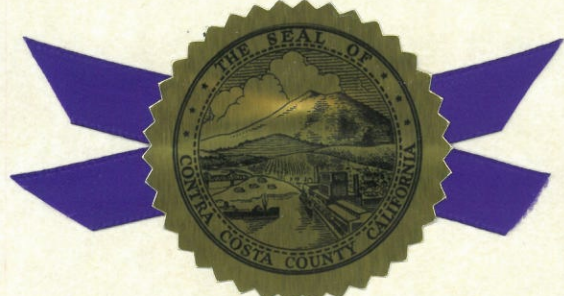
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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: June 7, 2022

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By *Monica Nino*, Deputy