

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Elder Abuse Awareness Month – June 2025

WHEREAS, Napa County’s older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity as valued leaders, mentors, volunteers, and community members who contribute greatly to the vitality and strength of our county; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is a silent epidemic with 1 in 10 adults over the age of 60 experiencing some form of abuse in the United States with cases still widely underreported; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse can occur anywhere—whether in public spaces or private homes—and addressing it requires bringing this issue into the light, raising awareness, and ensuring that older adults can age with dignity, respect, and grace; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2025, we join communities around the globe in recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, reaffirming our commitment to understanding, preventing, and responding to the mistreatment of older adults; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Napa County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) received 2,012 reports of elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect through its Adult Protective Services (APS) program, with self-neglect and financial exploitation being the most frequently reported concerns; and

WHEREAS, Napa County, along with its extensive network of government and community-based organizations, offers a comprehensive range of services designed to proactively address risk factors. Key partners such as Napa County Health and Human Services Agency’s APS program, the District Attorney’s Office, and the Sheriff’s Office collaborate closely to investigate abuse, advocate for victims, and pursue justice on their behalf.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 3rd day of June 2025, does hereby recognize **June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month** in Napa County. We urge all community members to unite in strengthening partnerships, developing innovative strategies for prevention and response, and reporting any suspected abuse or neglect—ensuring that all older residents of Napa County can live and age in safety, health, and dignity.

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