

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Elder Abuse Awareness Month – June 2024

WHEREAS, Napa County's older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity as valuable leaders, mentors, volunteers, and residents who contribute immensely to our community; 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 happens anywhere, in both public and private places, and fighting such abuse means bringing it out of the shadows and raising awareness so we may afford seniors the ability to age in our community with the dignity, respect, and grace they deserve; and

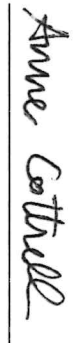
WHEREAS, within this month, on June 15, 2024, we further recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to promote a better understanding of the impact of abuse and neglect of older adults by raising awareness; and

WHEREAS, Napa County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) received 1,187 reports of elder and dependent adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation through the Adult Protective Services (APS) program in 2023, with financial exploitation and self-neglect the most commonly reported types of abuse; and

WHEREAS, Napa County and its rich array of government and community-based organizations provide a wide-range of services to preventatively address risk factors, and various entities, including Napa County HHS's APS program, the Napa County District Attorney's Office, the Napa County Sheriff's Office, work together to investigate abuse, and advocate and seek justice for victims.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 4th day of June, 2024, does hereby proclaim June "Elder Abuse Awareness Month" in Napa County. We call upon all members of our communities to work together to strengthen partnerships, develop new opportunities to improve prevention and response to elder abuse; and to report any suspected abuse or neglect to ensure that all Napa seniors are able to live and age with dignity, security, and respect.


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