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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Presentation of Proclamation declaring June 2023 as “Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month”

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a Proclamation to Kris Brown, Deputy Director of Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Comprehensive Services for Older Adults (CSOA), declaring June 2023 “Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month” in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This proclamation serves to raise awareness that everyone plays a role in ensuring that proper community and societal connections exist which can reduce and even prevent abuse of older and dependent adults.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In 2018, California State Legislature proclaimed the month of June “Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month,” and every June thereafter. Additionally, the specific day of June 15th is recognized

internationally as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day,” which was first established in 2006 to raise awareness of elder and dependent adult abuse and to promote better understanding of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic issues that may contribute to the growing incidence of such abuse around the globe. Throughout the world, abuse and neglect of elder and dependent adults remains under-recognized. No community or country in the world is immune from this social problem. Abuse and neglect of older and dependent adults is a complex and multifaceted problem that includes many different types of harms that occur in a myriad of settings. Proclaiming June 2023 as "Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month" raises awareness of this often-unspoken problem and encourages every resident to report suspected abuse and neglect to protect the older and dependent adults in our community.