

# PROCLAMATION

OF THE

## MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### RECOGNIZING JUNE 2018 AS “ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH IN MENDOCINO COUNTY”

WHEREAS, seniors and dependent adults are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that they live safely and with dignity; and

WHEREAS, every year more than five million disabled and elderly citizens in the United States may be victims of physical and emotional abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation; and

WHEREAS, last year in Mendocino County Adult Protective Services received over 950 reports of abuse to elders and dependent adults; and

WHEREAS, the personal losses associated with abuse can be devastating and include the loss of independence, homes, life savings, health, dignity, and security; and

WHEREAS, financial abuse is a rising concern and is frequently perpetrated by persons close to the elder or dependent adult who capitalize on that relationship and the individual's trust; and

WHEREAS, whether the abuse is financial, physical, emotional, or basic neglect, our senior citizens and disabled adults have the right to protection under the law, even from members of their own family; and

WHEREAS, all citizens, especially our most vulnerable citizens should be able to live safe, secure lives, without fear, neglect, pain, or exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims June 2018 as:

“Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Mendocino County”

Dated: June 5, 2018

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Dan Hamburg, Chair