



## **PROCLAMATION**

## OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## RECOGNIZING JUNE 2022 AS ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, in America, one in ten elders or dependent adults is a victim of abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 Mendocino County Adult Protective Services received 1224 reports of suspected elder or dependent adult abuse; and

WHEREAS, preventing abuse of elder and dependent adults through maintaining and improving social supports, human services, and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and

WHEREAS, reporting all abuse, be it financial, physical, emotional, and/or neglect, ensures that our elder and dependent adults maintain their rights to protection under the law, even from members of their own family; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County is committed to helping all individuals live longer and healthier lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaim June, 2022, as:

"Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention Awareness Month"

Dated: June 7, 2022
Ted Williams, Chair

