

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2021 AS
ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE PREVENTION
AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, elders 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, Mendocino County includes a population of over 18,000 elders age 65 and older who are our friends, neighbors, parents and/or grandparents, some of whom also serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, one in ten elder or dependent adult Americans is a victim of elder or dependent adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and

WHEREAS; experts estimate that for every case of elder abuse or neglect reported, as many as five cases go unreported; 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, Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention Awareness Month is an opportunity for Mendocino County to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of elder and dependent adults by raising community awareness, improving social structures, providing human services and reducing the likelihood of abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims June 2021, as:

“Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention Awareness Month”

Dated: June , 2021

Dan Gjerde, Chair