



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Health and Human Services Agency

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Adoption of Proclamation Recognizing June 2021 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention Awareness Month in Mendocino County

Recommended Action/Motion:

Adopt Proclamation recognizing June 2021 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention Awareness Month in Mendocino County; and authorize the Chair to sign same.

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

Previous proclamations for Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention Awareness Month were adopted by Mendocino County Board of Supervisors in June 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Summary of Request:

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was launched on June 15, 2006, by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of elder persons and dependent adults by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic situations affecting elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect.

California has expanded the idea of WEAAD and now dedicates the entire month of June to Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Prevention Awareness. Research shows that one in ten elder or dependent adults are victims of abuse or neglect. It also shows abuse is severely unreported, with agencies receiving 1 report of abuse for nearly every 24 cases of abuse. Education regarding what elder and dependent adult abuse is and how to report it is an important step towards making California safer for all people.

In 2020, Mendocino County Adult Protective Services (APS) received 1230 reports of suspected elder or dependent adult abuse. 821 individuals required a full investigation and short-term case management to set up services and a safety net to prevent further harm. These reports were from all sectors and areas of the county. APS social workers respond to reports 24 hours a day, 7 days a week but they cannot be everywhere all the time. Educating the public about elder and dependent adult abuse means that more people will become aware of the issue in its many forms and may provide a wider safety net for some of the most vulnerable members of our communities.

Alternative Action/Motion:

Return to staff for alternative handling.

Supervisory District: All

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: ACL.GOV

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Darcie Antle, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: June 9, 2021

Final Status: Adopted

