

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING JUNE 2026 AS ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, elder and dependent adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and vital participating members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder and dependent adult abuse in the United States; and

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

WHEREAS, in 2025, Mendocino County Adult Protective Services received 1,623 reports of suspected elder or dependent adult abuse; and

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

WHEREAS, preventing abuse of elder and dependent adults through maintaining and improving social support like senior centers, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims June, 2026, as:

“Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month”

Dated: June 2, 2026

Bernie Norvell, Chair