



County of Ventura

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Proclaiming June 15, 2023

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Ventura County

Whereas, elders and vulnerable adults are valued members of society and deserve our respect and attention to ensure that they are able to live safely and with dignity; and

Whereas, according to Dr. Marian Liu of Purdue University, the prevalence of elder abuse increased 84 percent during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, rising to 1 in 5 older persons experiencing some form of elder abuse in the United States in 2020, up from 1 in 10 older persons in years prior; and

Whereas, according to the National Council on Aging, elder financial abuse and fraud costs older Americans from \$2.6 billion to \$36.5 billion annually; and

Whereas, there are approximately over 197,000 older adults in Ventura County, per census data, who should be able to live safe, secure lives, without fear, neglect, pain or exploitation; and

Whereas, Ventura County Adult Protective Services received over 5,200 reports of abuse and neglect last year and is already on pace to surpass that amount this year; and

Whereas, elders being isolated and neglecting their needs, including the rising prevalence of older adults facing homelessness, is also an increasing concern; and

Whereas, the theme of this year's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in California is California's Response to Homelessness in Older Adults and People with Disabilities; and

Whereas, June 15 is recognized internationally as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, first established in 2006, to raise awareness of elder and vulnerable adult abuse and to promote better understanding of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic issues behind the growing incidents of elder and vulnerable adult abuse around the globe.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim June 15, 2023 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Ventura County.

Presented On This 6th Day of June 2023


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