



## Proclaiming

June 15, 2024 2024

### 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*, the theme of this year's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in California is "Collaboration with Community Partners"; and

*Whereas*, there are more than 210,000 older adults in Ventura County who should be able to live safe, secure lives, without fear, neglect, pain or exploitation; and

*Whereas*, the Area Agency on Aging recently joined Adult Protective Services, In-Home Supportive Services, and IHSS Public Authority within the Human Services Agency to form the Aging and Disability Services Department; and

*Whereas*, Ventura County Adult Protective Services (APS) received over 6,000 reports of abuse and neglect in 2023 that required a multidisciplinary approach. Abuse reports increased 15% year-over-year in 2023 and continue to increase in the first quarter of 2024. Financial abuse alone is projected to increase 12% in 2024; and

*Whereas*, multidisciplinary teams have the potential to improve outcomes, enhance quality of life, and promote healthy aging for older adults; and


*Whereas*, APS social workers motivate clients to make positive changes in their lives, and APS intervention leads to improved outcomes in finances, safety, and overall health, safety, stability, and well-being in nearly 82% of cases of reported abuse; and

*Whereas*, the needs of older adults are a community priority as is the provision of timely and targeted interventions to assist older and vulnerable adults with complex needs; 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.

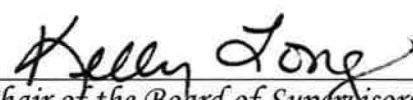
*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim June 15, 2024 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Presented on this 4th day of June 2024

  
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