



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

D-1

For the meeting of: June 7, 2016

Date: May 18, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisors Mark Lovelace
Subject: Proclaim June 2016 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Social Services Branch has requested the Board of Supervisors recognize Elder Abuse Awareness Month with a proclamation. DHHS Social Services Branch encourages all citizens to recognize that elders are valuable members of society and have the right to live safely and securely in their communities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

REVIEW: Auditor County Council Personnel Risk Manager Other

TYPE OF ITEM:
Consent
Departmental
Public Hearing
XX Other Special Presentation (5 minutes)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Bass
Seconded by Supervisor Fennell
And unanimously carried by those members present.
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.

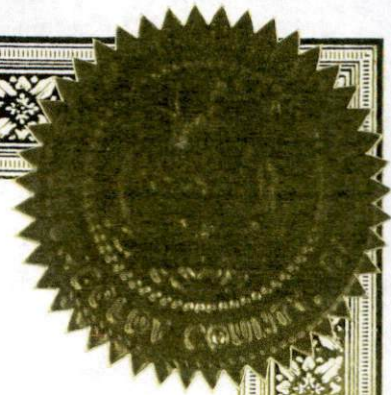
Meeting of:

Dated: June 7, 2016
Tracy Damico, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: [Handwritten Signature]



**PROCLAMATION**  
**of the**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**County of Humboldt**



**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that in 2014, approximately 14.1 percent of the population in Humboldt County, or more than 19,000 county residents, are 65 years of age or older; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the United States, elder abuse is widespread, affecting all people and is significantly unrecognized, underreported, and under-prosecuted; and

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt County Adult Protective Services receives approximately 130 reports of elder and vulnerable adult abuse and neglect per month; and

**WHEREAS**, elders deserve respect and gratitude for their lifelong contributions and the roles they play in their families and communities, including the preservation of customs, traditions, and history of Humboldt County; and

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse and neglect negatively impact the elder's emotional and physical health, and can result in isolation, the loss of independence, home, financial resources, life savings, and even life; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of elder abuse include people of diverse educational, socioeconomic, and ethnic backgrounds who have been victimized by strangers or by persons known to the elder who may occupy a position of trust or undue influence, including family members, neighbors, friends, and others with whom the elder interacts; and

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt County Adult Protective Services is committed to preventing abuse and neglect and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all elders and vulnerable adults in Humboldt County as part of a system of care, working to provide a network of integrated services, resources, trainings, and supports; and

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt County Adult Protective Services works with law enforcement and other professionals who assist elders and vulnerable adults by providing a coordinated response, and by organizing local trainings to strengthen collective knowledge of abuse and neglect, improve communication, and enhance elder abuse investigations and case review among agencies that serve elders, and

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt County recognizes an increased awareness of elder abuse and neglect is an important part of keeping elders safe in our community and is committed to working with community partners and local Tribes on prevention and service coordination.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that Humboldt County Board of Supervisors proclaims **June 2016** as "**Elder Abuse Awareness Month**" in recognition that elders are valuable members of society who have the right to live safely and securely in our community.

Dated: June 7, 2016

  
Mark Lovelace, Chair