



AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-3

# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: June 19, 2018

Date: June 7, 2018

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Virginia Bass

Subject: Proclaim June 2018 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 Ryan Sharp

Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW:	Auditor _____	County Counsel _____	Personnel _____	Risk Manager _____	Other _____
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TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent

Departmental

Public Hearing

Other

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Wilson

Seconded by Supervisor Bass

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: 6/19/18  
Ryan Sharp, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: RS

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

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that approximately 15.4 percent of the population in Humboldt County, or nearly 21,000 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 155 reports of elder and vulnerable adult abuse and neglect per month; and

**WHEREAS**, elders deserve respect and gratitude for their life-long 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 impacts the elder's emotional and physical health, and can result in isolation, loss of independence, home, financial resources, life savings and/or life; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of elder abuse include people of diverse educational, socioeconomic, and ethnic backgrounds who have been victimized by strangers, and/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 (APS) is committed to responding to and investigating allegations of elder and vulnerable adult abuse, providing time-limited case management, emergency shelter/in-home protection, and other tangible resources, as well as participating in multidisciplinary personnel teams, when appropriate; and

**WHEREAS**, APS is also committed to preventing abuse and neglect and ensuring the safety and well-being 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**, APS works with the District Attorney's Office, 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 as 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 2018** 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 19, 2018

Ryan Sundberg, Chair

