

**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that approximately 13.2 percent of the population in Humboldt County, or nearly 18,000 county residents, are 65 years of age or older; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt County Adult Protective Services (APS) receives nearly 105 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; and

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse and neglect negatively impacts elders 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 people known to them who may occupy a position of trust or undue influence, including family members, neighbors, friends and others with whom the elder interacts; and

**WHEREAS**, 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

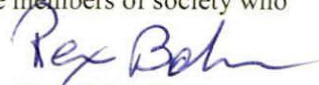
**WHEREAS**, APS is also committed to preventing abuse and neglect and ensuring the safety and well-being of all elders and vulnerable adults in Humboldt County as part of a system of care, working to provide a network of integrated services, resources, trainings and supports; and

**WHEREAS**, APS staff 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 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**, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims June 2019 as "Elder Abuse Awareness Month" and recognizes that elders are valuable members of society who have the right to live safely and securely in our community.

DATED: June 4, 2019

  
Rex Bohn, Chair