



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-3

For the meeting of: June 6, 2017

Date: May 3, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisors Virginia Bass
Subject: Proclaim June 2017 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation and direct the Clerk of the Board to forward the original to Keri Schrock, LCSW, Program Manager II, Humboldt County DHHS, Adult Protective Services, 808 E Street, Eureka, CA 95501

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 Virginia Bass

REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other

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

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Dated: June 16, 2017
Ana Hartwell, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Meeting of: _____

By: Ana Hartwell

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that approximately 14.7% of the population in Humboldt County, nearly 20,000 county residents, are 65 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, throughout the United States, elder abuse is widespread but significantly unrecognized, underreported, and under prosecuted; 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 impact the elder's emotional and physical health, and can result in isolation and the loss of independence, home, financial resources, life savings and life; and

WHEREAS, victims of elder abuse include people of diverse educational, socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds; and

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

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Adult Protective services is committed to responding to and investigating allegations of elder and vulnerable adult abuse, providing case management, emergency shelter or in-home protection, and other tangible resources; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Adult Protective Services is also 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; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Adult Protective Services works with the District Attorney's Office, law enforcement and other professionals who assist elders and vulnerable adults by providing a coordinated response; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County encourages 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 and tribal partners on prevention and service coordination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Humboldt County Board of Supervisors proclaims **June 2017** 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 6, 2017

Virginia Bass
Virginia Bass, Chair

