

# *Resolution No. 2017-*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING JUNE 15, 2017 AS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IN SOLANO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations (UN) has designated June 15, 2017 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). The day aims to focus global and local attention on the problem of physical, emotional, and financial abuse of elders. It brings together senior citizens and their caregivers, national and local government, academics, and the private sector to exchange ideas about how best to reduce incidents of violence towards elders, increase reporting of such abuse, and to develop elderly friendly policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of the 2017 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is “Understand and End Financial Abuse of Older People: A Human Rights Issue;” and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that elderly abuse, neglect, violence, and exploitation is one of the biggest issues facing senior citizens around the world. World Health Organization data suggests that 4 to 6 per cent of elderly suffer from some form of abuse, a large percentage of which goes unreported; and

**WHEREAS**, in Solano County, Adult Protected Services in 2016 received 1577 reports of alleged abuse, completed 367 cases of self-neglect and investigated 876 cases of abuse perpetrated by others, including abandonment, isolation, physical and financial abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, Solano County has developed a robust partnership across many organizations and departments to help combat Elder Abuse, including the District Attorney’s Office, the Solano Family Justice Center, Solano County Health & Social Services, Older and Disabled Adult Services, Adult Protective Services, the Sheriff’s Office, Solano Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Solano County Superior Courts, the Senior Coalition of Solano County, Napa Solano Area Agency on Aging, Solano Partnership Against Violence, Solano Advocates for Victims of Violence, SafeQuest Solano and Faith in Action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby observes June 15, 2017 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Solano County and calls on all our residents to raise awareness and recognize our elder and vulnerable adults and the professionals, family members and citizens who care for them. We seek to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of the elderly and acknowledge the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017

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JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk  
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk