

# *Resolution No. 2018 -*

## **RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMING JUNE AS ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH AND AS ELDER AND VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH AND JUNE 15, 2018 AS WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY IN SOLANO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was first established on June 15, 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations; and Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month was created in 2004 and Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month was created in 2015; and June 15, 2018 marks the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, with the theme this year being "Building Strong Support for Elders;" and

**WHEREAS**, elder and dependent adult abuse is a crime; in California there are an estimated 196,000 cases of elder and dependent adult abuse per year and current estimates are that as few as one in twenty-four reports of elder and dependent adult abuse cases is reported; and

**WHEREAS**, in Solano County Older & Disabled Adult Services Bureau there were 1627 reports of abuse filed with Adult Protective Services for calendar year 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, observance of June 15 and the month of June serve as a call to action for the community to raise awareness about elder, dependent adult and vulnerable adult abuse and how to prevent it; and

**WHEREAS**, California's elder and dependent adult justice partners aim to provide an opportunity for communities to promote a better understanding of elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic processes affecting abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, every elder and dependent adult living in Solano County deserves a life filled with dignity, respect and the right to live safely in the least restrictive environment, whether in their homes or health care facilities, and to enjoy an optimum quality of life while being protected from all forms of abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, all Solano County residents are strongly encouraged to report suspected abuse of an elder or dependent adult by calling their local adult protective services agency, Long-Term Care Ombudsman, law enforcement, or emergency services agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 13, 2018 Solano County's District Attorney's Office will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Elder Abuse Forum at the Solano County Events Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the County, its Health and Social Services Department, the District Attorney's Office, the Senior Coalition of Solano County, the Solano County Office of Family Violence Prevention and many partner agencies, senior centers, law enforcement representatives, the Solano County Long-Term Care Ombudsman, NorthBay Healthcare, Sutter Health, Kaiser Permanente and other organizations, work continuously to support healthy, independent living for elders and dependent adults.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims June as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month and as Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Awareness Month and June 15, 2018 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Solano County and encourages all residents to observe the day by wearing its symbolic color purple and to make a commitment to call or visit an elderly, dependent adult, vulnerable adult, isolated family member or friend regularly.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018

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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