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Legislation Text

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Adopt and present a resolution recognizing June 15, 2017 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Solano County (Supervisor Sperring)

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Supervisor Sperring requests that the Board of Supervisors adopt and present a resolution recognizing June 15, 2017 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Solano County.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The United Nations (UN) first designated World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) in 2012, marking it by meetings and conferences at the UN headquarters in New York. This year, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed on June 15, 2017, with the theme of "Understand and End Financial Abuse of Older People: A Human Rights Issue."

The WEAAD focuses 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.

In 2016, Solano County, Adult Protected Services 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.

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.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this resolution.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to adopt this resolution. This is not recommended because this is an opportunity to recognize Elder and Vulnerable Adults Abuse in Solano County and the lives of those who are affected.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

This resolution was prepared in conjunction with Solano County Older Adult Protective Services and the Solano Family Justice Center

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION