

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 22-75

Proclaiming the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Yolo County

WHEREAS, Elder Abuse is a silent problem that robs seniors of their dignity, security, and in some cases cost them their lives; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, exploitation, neglect and abandonment; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 10 of the nearly 52 million seniors in the United States experience elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, 38% of elders report they have experienced at least one instance of verbal abuse, from family member or from nursing home staff; and

WHEREAS, nearly 16,000 reports of sexual abuse in nursing homes have been made since 2000; and

WHEREAS, since January of 2022, Yolo County District Attorney office has prosecuted 70 reported elder abuse cases; and

WHEREAS, seniors lose at least \$2.6 billion a year due to financial abuse possibly more due to under reporting; and

WHEREAS, financial abuse can take many forms, including identity theft, use of debit credit cards, lottery scams, telemarketing or internet scams or abuse of power of attorney; and

WHEREAS, families can keep their loved ones safe by checking on them regularly and reporting any signs of abuse to local authorities; and

WHEREAS, In order to combat the ever rising crime in the senior population, Yolo County District Attorney Elder Abuse advocates work in partnership with Yolo Adult Protective Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Yolo County, and encourages those in our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of June, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Villegas, Saylor, Sandy, Provenza, Barajas.

Angel Barajas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors