The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of: **Resolution No. 2022/205**

Proclaiming June 2022 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, as our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to honor and protect elder and dependent adults, and

WHEREAS, elder and dependent adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, community members can look out for the safety and protection of seniors and disabled adults by reporting various types of suspected elder abuse, including emotional, financial, physical, sexual, neglect, abandonment, or isolation; and

WHEREAS, signs of elder and dependent abuse include: lack of basic amenities; a cluttered, filthy living environment; unexplained or uncharacteristic changes in behavior; unexplained sexually transmitted diseases; unpaid bills, new credit cards and/or increased cash withdrawals; harassment, coercion, injury, intimidation or humiliation; caregiver isolation of the elder or dependent adult; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse, studies have recognized that projections of abuse likely underestimate the actual population prevalence. For every incident of abuse reported to authorities, nearly 24 additional cases remain undetected.

WHEREAS, in 2021 Contra Costa County Adult Protective Services (APS) received 4,492 elder and dependent adult abuse reports; and

WHEREAS, APS in Contra Costa County investigates abuse concerns and collaborates with other county agencies and community-based organizations to advocate and provide services for elder and dependent adult clients; and

WHEREAS, preventing abuse of older and dependent adults, through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, nutrition programs, human services, and transportation, enables these community members to live as independently as possible and contribute to the vibrancy of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors acknowledges and proclaims the month of June 2022 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Contra Costa County, affirming the importance of supporting our older and disabled residents with services and programs to help keep them safe.

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Chair, District IV Supervisor

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District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 7, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy