

# Santa Barbara County of

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## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 2026 AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, June is recognized nationally as Elder Abuse Awareness Month, and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed annually on June 15<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness of the abuse, neglect, and exploitation that can be experienced by older adults and to reaffirm our commitment to protecting seniors and promoting safety for all older adults; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County values and honors its older adults for their lifelong contributions to families, neighborhoods, and the broader community, and remains committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where seniors can live with dignity, independence, and respect; and

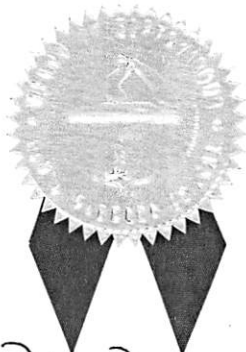
WHEREAS, elder abuse, including physical abuse, emotional and psychological abuse, neglect, abandonment, isolation, and financial exploitation, can affect older adults in every community, and through increased awareness, education, outreach, enforcement and access to supportive services, Santa Barbara County continues working to strengthen prevention efforts and ensure that older adults receive the protection and care they deserve; and

WHEREAS, protecting older adults requires strong collaboration among public agencies, advocates, caregivers, and community partners, including the District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Office, Adult Protective Services, the Public Guardian, and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, all of which work together to prevent, investigate, and respond to elder abuse and exploitation while providing support and advocacy for vulnerable seniors; and

WHEREAS, Elder Abuse Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to encourage our community to recognize the signs of abuse, support older adults and caregivers, promote reporting and prevention efforts, strengthen community partnerships, and reaffirm the shared commitment that every senior deserves to age safely, independently, and with dignity and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby proclaim June 2026 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



*Maria Nieves*  
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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Supervisor - 3rd District

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