

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Sonoma County Administration Bldg.  
Santa Rosa, California

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING MAY 2009 AS ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the issue of elder abuse affects isolated and vulnerable citizens of Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, elderly and dependent adults have the right to be protected under the law from all types of abuse including financial, physical, psychological, sexual, or neglect: and

WHEREAS, the issue of elder abuse prevention requires continual community awareness and education; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Human Services Department provides the Adult Protective Services program, including social work and public health nursing services; and

WHEREAS, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, through Senior Advocacy Services, investigates reports of elder abuse and neglect in licensed facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office prosecutes cases of elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Center provides victim advocacy, restitution and claims for elder victims and conducts outreach to raise awareness about threats to the community's seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Elder Abuse Prevention Project works to increase the public awareness of this important issue through training and outreach about abuse and what can be done to prevent elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should be aware and educated about elder abuse prevention. All members of the community, especially the most vulnerable citizens, should be able to live safe and secure lives without fear, neglect, pain or exploitation; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse should not be ignored nor endured.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors proclaims May 2009 as Elder Abuse Prevention Month.

**SUPERVISORS:**

Brown: \_\_\_\_\_ Kerns: \_\_\_\_\_ Zane: \_\_\_\_\_ Carrillo: \_\_\_\_\_ Kelley: \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Noes: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

SO ORDERED