



WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Building Strong Support for Elders

WHEREAS: Older 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;

WHEREAS: In 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS: 2018 marks the 13 Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness month. Its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

WHEREAS: The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and San Benito County Health & Human Services (Adult Services Division) recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse; and

WHEREAS: Ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Recognizing that it is up to all of us, to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and

WHEREAS: Preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and

WHEREAS: Where there is justice there can be no abuse; therefore, NCEA urges all people to restore justice by honoring older adults.

THEREFORE; San Benito County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim June 2018 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in San Benito County, and encourage all of our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.

In witness of the approval of this proclamation by the san Benito County Board of Supervisors on this day of June 2018

Chair
San Benito County Board of Supervisors

