

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Proclaiming June 2024 as
Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness
Month, in Contra Costa County.** Resolution No. 2024-194

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

WHEREAS, during June and on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th, we join others throughout the world in *Building Strong Support for Elders* which is the 2024 theme; and

WHEREAS, this international observance provides opportunities to promote better understanding of abuse and neglect of older people and dependent adults by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 in Contra Costa County, Adult Protective Services (APS) received 6,870 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 protect, advocate, and provide services for older and dependent adult clients; and

WHEREAS, older 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

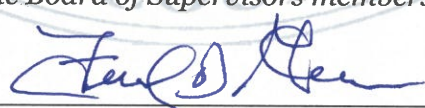
WHEREAS, community members can look out for the safety and protection of seniors and disabled adults by reporting various types of suspected elder abuse, including emotional, financial, physical, sexual, neglect, abandonment, or isolation; and

WHEREAS, signs of elder and dependent abuse include lack of basic amenities; a cluttered, soiled 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; and caregiver isolation of the elder or dependent adult; 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 them to live as independently as possible and contribute to the vibrancy of our communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby acknowledges and proclaims the month of June 2024 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.

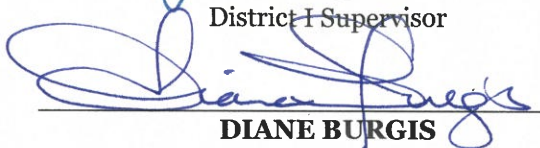
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 4th day of June 2024.



FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair,
District V Supervisor



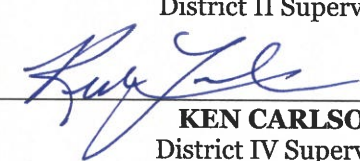
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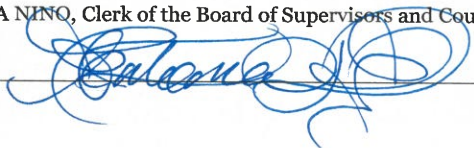
KEN CARLSON
District IV Supervisor



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 4, 2024

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  _____, Deputy