

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

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Proclaim June 2019 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month

Every year, millions of elderly individuals and dependent adults become victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. These victims are our parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, neighbors and other loved ones, and they experience unimaginable, egregious abuse, such as mental suffering, physical and sexual abuse, as well as neglect, abandonment, isolation and financial exploitation.

Community awareness and engagement are vital, and it is critical that all Los Angeles County (County) residents learn how to recognize and report mistreatment. The County has again teamed with the California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) to spearhead this year’s theme: “Lifting Up Voices” campaign, which promotes education to our communities, elected officials, and law enforcement agencies throughout the state about elder and dependent adult abuse. Additionally, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) and the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) declare June 15, 2019 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, recognizing the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue.

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I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim the month of June 2019 as “Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness” month throughout Los Angeles County;
2. Proclaim June 15, 2019 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day throughout Los Angeles County; and
3. Encourage the Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (Adult Protective Services), Consumer and Business Affairs, Department of Health Services (LAC-USC Medical Center and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center), Department of Mental Health (GENESIS and the Office of Public Guardian), Department of Public Social Services, the Office of the District Attorney (Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit), the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, the Los Angeles County Forensic Center, and law enforcement agencies to continue working collaboratively to ensure that our elderly residents and dependent adults maintain their quality of life with dignity, respect, and safety, and educate the general public about prevention, reporting, and elimination of elder and dependent adult abuse in the County of Los Angeles.

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