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Proclaim June 2025 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month and June 15, 2025 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Los Angeles County

Every year, millions of older and dependent adults, and adults with disabilities fall victim to abuse, neglect, and exploitation. These harms take many forms, with victims suffering mental, physical, and sexual abuse, as well as abandonment, isolation, and financial exploitation. In FY24-25, the Los Angeles County Aging & Disabilities Department's (AD) Adult Protective Services (APS) program received and responded to over 60,000 referrals of elder and dependent adult abuse.

Community awareness and engagement are essential to ensuring effective prevention of elder abuse, neglect, exploitation, and isolation. To increase awareness and empower communities, outreach events in all supervisorial districts will take place and Aging and Disabilities will lead these efforts within their Adult Protective Services Program. Outreach events will occur within Community & Senior Centers, Libraries and throughout many underserved communities.

Aging & Disabilities will also host an outreach event at the Hall of Administration and provide outreach materials. In addition, Aging & Disabilities will outreach to 88 cities and their respective mayors, banking institutions, law enforcement agencies, MOU and contract partners, and Regional Centers.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim June 2025 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month throughout Los Angeles County;
2. Proclaim June 15, 2025, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day throughout Los Angeles County; and
3. Encourage the Aging & Disabilities Department to conduct community outreach events, provide educational materials to all County departments and raise public awareness about the prevention, reporting, and elimination of elder and dependent adult abuse in Los Angeles County and encourage all Los Angeles County residents to wear purple in honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

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