

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS

June 16, 2026

Proclaiming June 2026 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month and June 15, 2026, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Los Angeles County

Each year, millions of older adults, dependent adults, and adults with disabilities experience abuse, neglect, and exploitation. These incidents can take many forms, including mental, physical, and sexual abuse, as well as abandonment, social isolation, and financial exploitation. In FY 2025-26, the Los Angeles County Aging & Disabilities Department’s (AD) Adult Protective Services (APS) Program received and responded to more than 60,000 reports of suspected abuse involving older and dependent adults.

As the County’s lead agency for APS, AD oversees the prevention, identification, and response to abuse involving elder and dependent adults. Through APS, the department coordinates countywide efforts to support the safety and well-being of older and dependent adults by strengthening community awareness and promoting timely reporting of suspected abuse.

Community awareness and engagement are crucial for effectively preventing elder abuse, neglect, exploitation, and isolation throughout the County. Community-based events in various communities and Supervisorial Districts allow AD the opportunity to increase recognition of elder and dependent adult abuse, improve understanding of reporting pathways, and connect residents to APS services and

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resources. Outreach activities will include distribution of educational materials and information to residents and community partners on how to recognize and report suspected abuse.

AD will conduct outreach to all 88 cities in Los Angeles County and their respective mayors, as well as banking institutions, law enforcement agencies, and memorandum of understanding and contract partners to inform these community partners on the various resources and information that is available for elder and dependent adults experiencing abuse. APS will also convene a panel of subject matter experts to provide education on recognizing, preventing, and reporting elder and dependent adult abuse.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim June 2026 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in Los Angeles County.
2. Proclaim June 15, 2026, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Los Angeles County.
3. Direct the Aging and Disabilities Department to conduct countywide outreach activities, distribute educational materials, and raise public awareness on the prevention, recognition, reporting, and elimination of elder and dependent adult abuse in Los Angeles County.
4. Encourage all Los Angeles County residents to wear purple in recognition of

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