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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 15, 2016 AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY AND JUNE 2016 AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that as of July 2014, more than 45,500 persons 65 years and over live in the City of Oakland, California; and

WHEREAS, although the elder population is the largest growing segment in the country, elder abuse is one of the most under-reported crimes in the United States where it is estimated that only one in fourteen cases of elder abuse comes to the attention of Adult Protective Services and/or law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, victims of elder abuse include both men and women of diverse educational, socio-economic or ethnic backgrounds who have been victimized by strangers and/or by persons they know who may occupy a position of trust including family members, neighbors, friends and others with whom the elder interacts; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Social Services Agency, Adult Protective Services, responds to reports from individuals, concerned citizens, social service, health providers, and law enforcement representatives about elders who may be physically or financially abused, neglected or exploited; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, its Elder Protection Unit and its Victim Witness Division provide a network of services to elders who are in danger of becoming, or who have become, victims of abuse and which services include holding community workshops to promote crime prevention awareness, assisting with locating services for elders, working with the Oakland Police Department as well as with other professionals, and prosecuting cases of elder abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Senior Centers provide a comprehensive array of services, as well as social and recreational programs to meet the needs of the elder population, thereby enhancing their quality of life and helping them to remain active, healthy, safer and independent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland recognizes that both the awareness of elder abuse and neglect as well as reporting instances of suspected elder abuse and neglect will help keep our elders and community safer; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims June 15, 2016 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and June 2016 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in the City of Oakland, in recognition of elders being valuable members of our city and having the right to live safely and securely in our community.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN,
REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -
ABSENT -
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City
of Oakland, California