



City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER THAO

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### RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020 "ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH"

**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**, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that as of June 2018, more than 58,105 persons 65 years and over live in the City of Oakland; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic has impacted everyone, including elders, by making fragile living situations more stressful, thereby putting elders more at risk for their physical safety and well-being, as well as giving those who commit scams an opportunity to morph existing scams, as well as create new scams, to prey upon the concerns and fears of vulnerable members of society in order to obtain their money and property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, its Elder Protection Unit and its Victim Witness Division, in collaboration with the Alameda County Social Services Agency – Adult Protective Services and the Ombudsman Services of Alameda, Contra Costa & Solano Counties, provide a network of services to elders who are in danger of becoming, or who have become, victims of abuse. These services include holding community workshops to promote crime prevention awareness resources, as well as working with the Oakland Police Department and other professionals, and prosecuting cases of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation; 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, neglect and financial exploitation, as well as reporting instances of suspected elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, particularly in this stressful time of a global pandemic, will help keep our elders and community safer; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims June 2020, 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 - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR,  
THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the  
Council of the City of Oakland, California