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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE SHENG THAO

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021 "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, 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, over a year after the 2020 Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic became a concern in the United States it continues to impact everyone, especially elders, by making fragile living situations more stressful, thereby putting elders more at risk for their physical safety and well-being, making reporting suspected elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation more difficult, as well as giving those who commit scams an opportunity to morph existing scams and 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 an ongoing global pandemic, will help keep our elders and community safer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby proclaims June 2021 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 - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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