

WHEREAS, older adults in Santa Clara County are valued members of society that have contributed to our County's social and economic well-being, have worked diligently to enrich and preserve a way of life we all enjoy and have earned our honor and respect; and

WHEREAS, abuse of older adults is an ever increasing tragedy defined as any knowing, intentional or negligent act that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse may take many forms including physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, financial exploitation, neglect by a caretaker, self-neglect and abandonment; and

WHEREAS, the abuse of older adults crosses all socio-economic boundaries and the magnitude of this tragedy is likely to increase as the number of seniors in the population grows; and

WHEREAS, it is our collective responsibility to combat the abuse of older adults, to ensure they live safely and with dignity, to improve their quality of life and to allow them to continue to live independently and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our Community; and

WHEREAS, the intent of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is to give the abuse and neglect of older adults a global relevance that will sustain and move prevention efforts forward throughout the whole year and years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby declare and recognize

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

on June 15, 2009 as well as encourage all Community Members to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of seniors in Santa Clara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Ninth Day of June, Two Thousand Nine by unanimous vote.

Liz Kniss, President
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Attest: Maria Marinos
Clerk, Board of Supervisors