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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Doug Chaffee

To: Robin Stieler, Clerk of the Board

From: Chair Doug Chaffee, Fourth District

Subject: Presentation Item for June 24, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Chair Doug Chaffee requests a presentation be added to the agenda for the June 24, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting. The title should read:

Chair Chaffee will be presenting a resolution recognizing the June 15, 2025, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 15, 2025

Whereas, throughout the United States, 10,000 people a day are turning 65 years of age; and

Whereas, at least 10% of adults 65 and older will experience some form of elder abuse in a given year, with some older adults simultaneously experiencing more than one type of abuse; and

Whereas, an estimated 6.9 million Americans 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's. Recent studies show that nearly half of those with dementia experienced abuse or neglect; and

Whereas, one study estimated that only one in 24 cases of abuse nationwide is reported to authorities; and

Whereas, the annual loss by victims of financial abuse in the U.S. is estimated to be at least \$28.3 billion; and

Whereas, abusers are both women and men. In 47% of calls to the National Center on Elder Abuse, the perpetrator is a family member; and

Whereas, in 2024, the County of Orange Social Services Agency's Adult Protective Services program received 20,571 reports regarding abuse and neglect; and

Whereas, the County of Orange, including the Social Services Agency, OC Health Care Agency, Superior Courts, District Attorney, Office on Aging and other Orange County community partners are committed to helping seniors live longer, healthier lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

Whereas, these programs also support family caregivers, address issues of exploitation, neglect and abuse of elders, and adapt services to the needs of elders; and

Whereas, we recognize the value of community engagement and services in helping seniors remain healthy and active while giving back to others; and

Whereas, all Orange County residents are strongly encouraged to report suspected abuse of an elder or dependent adult by calling Adult Protective Services, Long-Term Care Ombudsman and law enforcement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that we do hereby proclaim June 15, 2025, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Orange County, and urge every resident to take time this month to celebrate seniors and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.