

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING
WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY
JUNE 15, 2013

WHEREAS, June 15th has been designated as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" to recognize older adults and the abuse perpetrated upon this vulnerable population across the county, state, country and world; and

WHEREAS, the Administration on Aging (AOA), an agency of the Administration for Community Living (ACL), is sponsoring the Year of Elder Abuse Prevention (YEAP) to encourage national, state, and local organizations to protect seniors and raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation across this nation; and

WHEREAS, each county has an Adult Protective Services (APS) agency to help older adults (65 years and older) and dependent adults (18-64 who are disabled), when these adults are unable to meet their own needs and each area has a Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO); and

WHEREAS, the Marin County APS program investigates reports of abuse of elders and dependent adults who live in private homes, hotels or hospitals. APS staff evaluates abuse cases and arranges for services such as advocacy, counseling, money management, out-of-home placement, or conservatorship; and

WHEREAS, reports of abuse that occur in a nursing home, a board and care home, or a residential care facility for the elderly, are the responsibility of the Marin County Long-Term Care Ombudsman's office; and

WHEREAS, in Marin County there were 878 APS reports of abuse and neglect and the LTC Ombudsman program received 666 complaints in Fiscal Year 2011-12; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County older adult population continues to grow, representing close to 25% of the total county population, an increase of 38% over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Aging and Adult programs have ten certified volunteer ombudsman and 15 volunteer members of the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) who are vital members of Marin County's Elder Abuse Prevention efforts having distributed over 1,800 pieces of educational materials to over 250 people in this past year alone; and

WHEREAS, older adults have become increasingly vulnerable to perpetrators of physical, emotional, sexual, and financial abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims June 15, 2013, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day."

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 11th day of June 2013.

JUDY ARNOLD - DISTRICT 5, PRESIDENT

