

**PROCLAIMING
ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH
MAY, 2010**

WHEREAS, the month of May has been designated as “Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month” to recognize older Americans and the abuse perpetrated upon this vulnerable population across the county; and

WHEREAS, by 2010, one in every three persons in Marin, or nearly 30% of the county’s total population will be 60 years or older; and

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

WHEREAS, Marin County Adult Protective Services is receiving a growing number of reported elder abuse cases every year. Referrals increased more than 60% over the last 3 years; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Health and Human Services Department, Division of Aging and Adult Services; the District Attorney’s Office and community partners successfully completed a \$450,000 grant from the Office of Victims of Crime for local law enforcement training; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Health and Human Services Department, Division of Aging and Adult Service and Elder Financial Protection Network have established the Financial Abuse Specialist Team to assist law enforcement in investigating suspected elder financial abuse; and

WHEREAS, members of the Marin County Elder Abuse Prevention Task Force are expanding outreach efforts in elder abuse prevention through community outreach for older adults; and

WHEREAS, citizens of California and Marin County in particular desire to reach out to abused and neglected elders and will not tolerate elder abuse in any form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the month of May 2010 as “Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month” and commends the members of the Marin County Division of Aging, Adult Services and Marin County Commission on Aging – Elder Abuse Prevention Task Force for their extraordinary efforts in working collaboratively throughout the year to stop elder abuse in all its forms in Marin County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 11th day of May 2010.