

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 288610

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WHEREAS, all people have a right to dignity, respect and a life free of abuse;
and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature recognizes that elders may be vulnerable to abuse, neglect or abandonment and the state, counties and cities have a responsibility to protect these people; and

WHEREAS, there are over 305,000 residents aged 65+ in San Diego County and it is estimated that about 1 out of every 20 seniors may be victims of elder abuse each year, and that 93% of elder abuse cases go unreported; and

WHEREAS, the County and City of San Diego have made a commitment to view elder abuse in the same serious fashion that the abuse of children is viewed and to consider the protection of vulnerable adults and the elderly as a function of government;
and

WHEREAS, San Diego County and City agencies have come together along with individuals and private service providers to form a multidisciplinary team to aggressively confront the problem of elder abuse; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of these public and private entities to provide a network of public and law enforcement agencies to receive reports of elder abuse, conduct investigations and take action to ensure the safety of elderly citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission of these public and private entities to foster education and awareness of elder abuse, thereby encouraging the reporting of elder abuse; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council hereby proclaims the month of May 1997 to be "**ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**" in the City and County of San Diego and congratulates the efforts of the public and private sector participants who are committed to supporting elder abuse prevention and increasing awareness that elder abuse is a crime.

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