

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 291541

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

WHEREAS, more than half a million Americans over the age of 60 are victims in domestic violence settings each year with only 20 percent of the cases reported; and

WHEREAS, 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, the County and City of San Diego have committed to consider elder abuse cases with the same weight given to the abuse of children and that the protection of vulnerable adults and the elderly is a responsibility of government; and

WHEREAS, San Diego County and City agencies have come together along with individuals and private service providers to form a multi-disciplinary team to coordinate services, share information, educate the community, and more aggressively prosecute elder abuse cases; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby proclaims the month of May as **“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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