

# Proclamation

**Whereas,** elder abuse occurs among men and women of diverse educational, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds who have been victimized by strangers and/or by persons they know who may occupy a position of trust; and

**Whereas,** over two years after the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic became a concern in the United States, it continues to impact everyone, especially elders, by making fragile living situations more stressful, thereby putting elders more at risk for their physical safety and well-being, making reporting suspected elder abuse and neglect more difficult, as well as giving those who commit scams an opportunity to morph existing scams and create new scams, to prey upon the concerns and fears of vulnerable members of society in order to obtain their money and property; and

**Whereas,** the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, its Elder Protection Unit and its Victim Witness Division, in collaboration with the Alameda County Social Services Agency – Adult Protective Services and the Ombudsman Services of Alameda County (Empowered Aging) provide a network of services to elders who are in danger of becoming, or who have become, victims of abuse. These services include holding community workshops on Zoom or, when allowed, in person to promote crime prevention awareness resources; as well as working with the Alameda Police Department and other professionals, and prosecuting cases of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation; and

**Whereas,** the Mastick Senior Center provides a comprehensive array of services, as well as recreational and social programs, to meet the needs of our elder population, enhance their quality of life and help them remain active, healthy, independent and safe; and

**Whereas,** the City of Alameda recognizes that the awareness of elder abuse and neglect as well as reporting instances of suspected elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, particularly in this stressful time of an ongoing global pandemic, will help keep our elders and community safer.

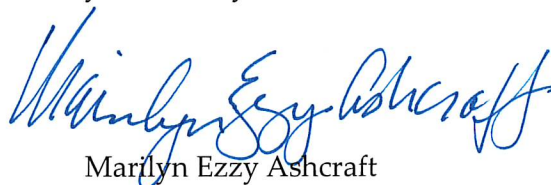
**Now, therefore, be it resolved,** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, hereby proclaim June 2022 as

## Elder Abuse Awareness Month

and June 15, 2022, as

## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

in the City of Alameda, and encourage all residents to recognize elders as valuable members of our community who have the right to live safely and securely in our City.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft

Mayor

