



P r o c l a m a t i o n

Elder Abuse Awareness Month

June 2021

- WHEREAS,** every year, over 1,600 reports of abuse against our elderly are received by Santa Cruz County Adult Protective Services; and
- WHEREAS,** over 8,700 Watsonville residents are 60 or older, with this number expected to more than double by 2060; and
- WHEREAS,** it is estimated that one out of ten Americans in this age group have experienced elder abuse, and as few as 4% of these instances are actually reported; and
- WHEREAS,** our elderly population has greatly influenced and shaped today's world yet is often vulnerable to mistreatment and neglect, and may be unable to prevent, seek protection from or report it; and
- WHEREAS,** Santa Cruz County is a leader in the State of California in assisting our vulnerable elderly citizens through education, advocacy and collaboration; and
- WHEREAS,** a network consisting of Adult Long Term Care Services, Santa Cruz County Sheriff's and Watsonville Police Departments, District Attorney, Seniors Council, Long Term Care Ombudsman and Public Guardian programs, among other local partners, provide services to these citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** each year we come together as one community to dedicate ourselves to providing a safety net that keeps our elderly safe from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize June 15, 2021 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, and June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month and encourage all citizens to join us in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 8th day of June, Two thousand and twenty one.

Jimmy Dutra, Mayor



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