City of San Pablo

Proclamation Recognizing

Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month June 2018

WHEREAS, older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and vital participating members of our communities;

WHEREAS, as our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a nation;

WHEREAS, ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States;

WHEREAS, recognizing that it is up to all of us to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse;

WHEREAS, preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and

WHEREAS, where there is justice, there can be no abuse; therefore Contra Costa County and the City of San Pablo urge all people to restore justice by honoring older adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Mayor of the City of San Pablo, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **June 2018 as "Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month"** in the City of San Pablo and encourage all of our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country. Join us in our engaging and empowering movement and putting an end to abuse.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Pablo to be affixed this 4th day of June, 2018.

Genoveva Garcia Calloway, Mayor