

Date of Hearing: June 1, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 206 (Stefani) – As Introduced May 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of June 2026 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The population of Californians over 60 years of age is projected to increase by approximately 166 percent during the period from 2010 to 2060, inclusive, with more than one-half of the counties experiencing a 100-percent increase in this age group.
- 2) Research by the National Institute of Justice found that an estimated 10 percent of older adults over 60 years of age, more than seven million Americans, reported experiencing at least one form of mistreatment in the past year, including emotional, physical, nutritional, or sexual mistreatment or neglect.
- 3) It is estimated that only one in 24 incidents of elder abuse are reported and fewer than 15 percent of those harmed access formal support services each year.
- 4) Many victims of abuse fail to report out of fear of losing relationships with those harming them, loss of cognitive ability, fear of retaliation, shame that someone they trust mistreated them, or distrust of the police and agencies charged with providing assistance.
- 5) Elder and disability abuse may be physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, or financial in nature, and such abuse knows no boundaries with respect to gender, race, culture, religion, geographic location, or the economic, educational, or social status of the victim.
- 6) Factors that place older Californians at risk for abuse include cognitive and physical decline, dementia, isolation, loneliness, and limited access to preventive services, such as estate planning, daily money management, affordable supported housing, and assistance with decisionmaking.
- 7) Since 2019, California has collected comprehensive data on abuse cases perpetrated on older adults and adults with disabilities, including reports and investigations. Continued improvement in data collection and analysis strengthens the state's ability to track trends, make informed policy decisions, enhance protections, and equip law enforcement partners with the tools necessary to secure justice.
- 8) Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in California aligns with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, first established in 2006 and observed annually on June 15, to promote a better understanding of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic issues associated with elder abuse globally.
- 9) All Californians are strongly encouraged to report suspected older adult or adult with a disability abuse to their local adult protective services agency, local long-term care ombudsman program, law enforcement agency, or emergency services provider.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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