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**June 2022 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, although the elder population is the largest growing segment in the country, elder abuse is one of the most under-reported crimes in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of elder abuse include people of diverse educational, socio-economic, or ethnic backgrounds who have been victimized by strangers or by persons they know and who may occupy a position of trust; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to make fragile living situations more stressful for elders and the reporting of suspected elder abuse more difficult; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, its Elder Protection Unit and its Victim Witness Division provide a network of services to elders who are in danger of becoming, or who have become, victims of abuse, neglect and/or financial exploitation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alameda County Social Services Agency - Adult Protective Services and Ombudsman Services of Alameda County (Empowered Aging) respond to reports about elders who may be physically or financially abused, neglected or exploited; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Leandro's Senior Services program provides workshops and other programs that equip seniors with the information and resources they need to stay safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Leandro recognizes that both the awareness of and reporting of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation will help keep our elders and community safer.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as "**Elder Abuse Awareness Month**" in the City of San Leandro in recognition of elders being valuable members of our city and having the right to live safely in our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022