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RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE
TO PRIORITIZE PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

- WHEREAS,** the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors reaffirms its commitment to upholding the rights and protections guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, including equal protection under the law for all people; and
- WHEREAS,** a recent crime which occurred on January 28, 2025, has impacted our community, with members of the public expressing that they don't feel safe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board recognizes that all crimes are unacceptable, but those committed against vulnerable populations—particularly **children and the elderly**, are especially egregious and must be met with urgency, seriousness, and justice; and
- WHEREAS,** Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)—including abuse shown to have a significant impact on a child's health and development, leading to long-term negative outcomes. Research indicates a relationship between the number of ACEs and the severity of health impacts:
- **One ACE:** May lead to increased risk of anxiety, depression, and behavioral issues.
 - **Two to Three ACEs:** Associated with higher likelihood of substance use, academic challenges, and early initiation of risky behaviors.
 - **Four or More ACEs:** Significantly elevate the risk for chronic health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and cancer; mental health disorders including PTSD and severe depression; and increased likelihood of suicide attempts; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office reports the following charges filed in 2024:
- **Child Abuse Cases:** 102 screened, 59 issued (58% filing rate)
 - **Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Cases:** 47 screened, 20 issued (43% filing rate)
 - **Sex Crimes:** 40 screened, 17 issued (43% filing rate)
 - **Hate Crimes:** 3 screened, 2 issued (67% filing rate); and
- WHEREAS,** the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department further reported the following criminal incidents related to vulnerable groups (both minor and adult) in 2024:
- **455 child sex crimes,**
 - **721 child battery/abuse cases,**
 - **139 rape/sodomy offenses,**
 - **57 sexual battery cases,**
 - **247 elder or dependent adult abuse incidents,**
 - **3 civil rights violation offenses, and**
 - **405 criminal threats with intent to terrorize; and**
- WHEREAS,** these statistics demonstrate a clear and ongoing threat to the safety and well-being of vulnerable populations in our county.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tuolumne, State of California, hereby:

1. Reaffirms its commitment to **prioritizing law enforcement resources** to protect the most vulnerable.
2. Condemns all acts of hate, abuse, and violence.
3. Pledges continued support for the Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, and community partners working to prevent and prosecute these crimes.
4. Commits to maintaining public safety as a core function of government, and ensuring that victims of these crimes are heard, supported, and protected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board acknowledges that while the District Attorney's Office is committed to prosecuting crimes against vulnerable populations, their ability to do so is directly impacted by staffing levels. The District Attorney has communicated that with one additional prosecutor and one additional Sheriff's detective dedicated to these cases, the following improvements would be expected:

- **Improved case outcomes** through more thorough investigations and higher quality evidence.
- **Increased filings** of serious cases that currently cannot be pursued due to limited capacity.
- **Reduced trauma for victims**, as cases would remain with the same investigator and prosecutor throughout the legal process.
- **More consistent and equitable prosecutions**, resulting in greater accountability for offenders.

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CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: _____ No. _____

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