

PROCLAMATION

Presented by San Diego County Supervisor Dave Roberts

HONORING ElderHelp

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of residents is of primary concern for the County of San Diego and on July 13, 2010, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted the *Live Well San Diego* initiative to achieve the County's vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the *Live Well San Diego* initiative is about uniting all sectors—business, schools, military and veteran's organizations, community- and faith-based organizations, and all levels of government—in order to bring about positive change; and

WHEREAS, ElderHelp has shared the values and vision for creating a healthy, safe and thriving society for older adults in San Diego County; and

WHEREAS, since 1973, then under the name *Mid City Senior Enterprises*, this organization was established as a community based agency to serve seniors in failing health, poverty, and isolation. Since that time they have continued to live up to their mission to provide personalized services and information that help seniors live independently and with dignity in their homes; and

WHEREAS, ElderHelp works to decrease the isolation of their clients by providing escorted transportation services through their Seniors-A-Go-Go program; and

WHEREAS, when ElderHelp recognized the challenge of having safe housing available for older adults in San Diego, they established a HomeShare program that connects senior homeowners to adults in need of housing. This program offers an income source as well as companionship to the older adult, while also providing an affordable home to another individual; and

WHEREAS, ElderHelp staff regularly participate actively in the Community Action Networks NorCAN, SanDiCAN, and ECAN; to promote awareness of issues related to older adults and persons with disabilities and advocate for these groups; and

WHEREAS, ElderHelp Staff have contributed to the Health and Safety of Older Adults through their involvement on the Health Promotion Committee, the Fall Prevention Task Force and the Caregiver Coalition for many years; and will soon become a partner on the County's Alzheimer's Project as a subcontractor for the safety net program - Project Care ;

WHEREAS, ElderHelp remains committed to the welfare of older adults in San Diego through their participation on and collaboration with the San Diego Senior Alliance, the San Diego Regional Home Care Council, the Council on Access and Mobility and through the San Diego Foundation's workgroup on "Communities for All Ages"; and

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairman Bill Horn and all members of the San Diego Board of Supervisors on this 5th day of December 2015 that they commend *ElderHelp* for its outstanding service, leadership, and commitment

to the health and wellness of county residents, and do hereby declare this day to be the ***“ElderHelp LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO DAY.”***