



**Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of El Dorado
Proclaiming APRIL 2015 AS
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community of El Dorado County; and

Whereas, child and youth sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will experience a sexual assault before the age of 18; and

Whereas, research indicates that sexual violence may occur in any type of relationship; 8 in 10 victims of sexual assault knew their attacker; 40% of survivors of sexual assault fear reprisal by their attacker; and

Whereas, we must work together to educate our community to identify situations in which sexual assault may occur; recognize that non-consensual sex is sexual assault; and encourage everyone to intervene in situations where sexual consent cannot be given; there is no room for pressure, violence, or control in any relationship; and

Whereas, only 13% of sexual assault survivors report their assault; it is on us to create an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are listened to and supported; and

Whereas, with passion and dedication, we encourage every person in El Dorado County to make a personal commitment to help keep women, men, children and youth safe from sexual assault; not to be a bystander to the problem, but to be part of the solution; and

Whereas, The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. It is time for all of us to take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado join advocates at The Center For Violence-Free Relationships and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of California, I do hereby proclaim April 2015 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month!"

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 31st day of March, 2015.

Attest:

James S. Mitrison
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____

Deputy Clerk

Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair, Board of Supervisors