



Proclamation
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
Recognizing April, 2014 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 in El Dorado County; and,

Whereas, the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department Annual Report shows the number of reported sexual assaults in the county increased by 86% from 2012 to 2013 and 80% of these reported sexual assaults were perpetrated on children under the age of 18; and,

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

Whereas, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention and healthy relationships for teens and adults and develop positive connections in ways that enrich lives, and provide environments that encourage and allow consensual, respectful, and informed choices, effectively eliminating pressure, violence, or control; and,

Whereas, we must support survivors of sexual assault, speak out against harmful attitudes and actions, and be leaders dedicated to preventing sexual violence in El Dorado County by increasing education, awareness, and community involvement; 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 and create a safer environment for all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado, does herewith join in efforts with The Center For Violence-Free Relationships, Live Violence Free, and communities across our county and the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence by recognizing April, 2014, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 25th day of March, 2014.

Attest:

James S. Mitrising
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
by:

Deputy Clerk

Norma Santiago, Chair, Board of Supervisors