



**PROCLAMATION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2013 AS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that domestic violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of the County of El Dorado; and,

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of control in an intimate relationship where one person uses coercion to gain power and control over their partner and includes not only physical abuse, but also mental abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse, isolation and sexual violence; and,

WHEREAS, one in four women, including teenagers, and in nine men will be victims of domestic violence; and,

WHEREAS, between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013, The Center for Violence-Free Relationships helped over 830 adults with 677 children who were in violent relationships; and,

WHEREAS, children who grow up in violent homes are more likely to repeat violent behavior and develop health problems on into adulthood; and,

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers at The Center for Violence-Free Relationships encourages every person to become active bystanders, taking action when witnessing acts of violence however small; and,

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing domestic violence in the County of El Dorado through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and,

WHEREAS, we strongly support the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations that dispel the myths of domestic violence and about what domestic violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address domestic violence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado joins The Center for Violence-Free Relationships in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end domestic violence, and along with the United States Government and the State of California, does hereby proclaim October 2013 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month."

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 1st day of October, 2013.

Attest:

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

Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors