



PROCLAMATION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO PROCLAIMING

**April 2018 as World Autism Month
April 2, 2018 as World Autism Awareness Day**

WHEREAS, autism and autism spectrum disorders are neurodevelopment disorders of unknown cause that can result in significant impairments in language, communications, social interactions, abnormalities in behaviors, and other physical or mental manifestations; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network estimates the prevalence of autism in the United States at 1 in 68 births, is about 4.5 times more common among boys than girls and that more than 3.5 million Americans live with an autism spectrum disorder; and,

WHEREAS, there is no medical detection or cure for autism, however, studies show that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment and have continued access to care, services and treatment they can lead significantly improved lives; and,

WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized services and community support to ensure not just their health and safety but to also provide critical support to their families as they manage the psychological and financial burdens that autism can present; and,

WHEREAS, the month of April is recognized as "World Autism Month" which begins with the United Nations sanctioned "World Autism Awareness Day" on April 2nd; and,

WHEREAS, the recognition of "World Autism Month" and "World Autism Awareness Day" are part of the global effort that seeks to put a spotlight on the hurdles that people of all ages with autism and their families face every day and, serve to educate the public on the intense challenges of the diagnosis, the difficulties of living with a disability as well as the importance of education, social programs, and employment opportunities that provide them with support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim April 2018 as "World Autism Month" and April 2, 2018, as "World Autism Awareness Day" in the County of El Dorado in support of the effort to educate parents, professionals and the community about autism.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 3rd day of April, 2018.

Attest:

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

Deputy Clerk

Michael Ranalli
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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