



RESOLUTION NO.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE COMMITMENT OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO TO PREVENTING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTY AND TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH ALL COUNTY PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY, PROTECT, AND SERVE THESE VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

IN THE MATTER OF the epidemic of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) in the State of California:

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the commercial sexual exploitation of children is a pressing national, state, and local issue, and

WHEREAS, the FBI estimates that 100,000 children in the United States are sold for sex each year, including child sex trafficking, child sex tourism, and child pornography, and

WHEREAS, three of the top 13 highest trafficking areas in the nation are located in California: San Francisco, Los Angeles, and the San Diego metropolitan areas, and

WHEREAS, county law enforcement, child welfare services, behavioral health, the courts, and community-based organizations report increasing numbers of exploited underage victims, and

WHEREAS, counties have led the effort to address the unique needs of CSEC youth, including working with law enforcement and the courts to divert suspected exploited children, and

WHEREAS, county law enforcement, child welfare services, behavioral health, the courts, and community-based organizations continue to grapple with identifying and assisting CSEC youth but have also made significant gains in meeting the unique needs of these traumatized children, and

WHEREAS, the need for intensive services tailored to minors who have been ensnared in the illegal sex trafficking trade remains critical,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to affirm the County's commitment to developing and supporting strategies to prevent, reduce and serve the victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children and work to eliminate sex trafficking in California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 11th day of August, 2015, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest: _____
James S. Mitrising
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

_____ Brian Veerkamp, Chair, Board of Supervisors