



PROCLAMATION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO TO PROCLAIM 2016 AS
THE “YEAR OF FOSTER YOUTH” IN THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

WHEREAS, every child deserves a safe, loving and nurturing place to call home and support to help them reach their highest potential; and,

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our community; and,

WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and,

WHEREAS, multiple opportunities exist to support foster youth, including fostering, providing respite care, mentoring and supervising visitation; and,

WHEREAS, there remains a need in the County of El Dorado for additional dedicated, capable foster parents to provide a safe, secure and loving home; and,

WHEREAS, raising awareness of the needs of foster youth involves numerous individuals, public and private organizations and community groups; and,

WHEREAS, Foster Awareness Network, in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Dorado County; CASA El Dorado; El Dorado Community Foundation; El Dorado County Health & Human Services Agency/Foster Care Licensing; El Dorado County Office of Education; Environmental Alternatives; Foster & Kinship Care Education-Folsom Lake College; New Morning Youth & Family Services; Remi Vista, Inc.; Sierra Child & Family Services; Summitview Child & Family Services; Karl Weiland, El Dorado County Assessor and a former foster youth; The Windfall; and concerned citizens of the County of El Dorado, join together to promote and support efforts throughout 2016 to further an awareness of the issues and needs of foster youth and foster families in the County of El Dorado.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado designates 2016 as the “Year of Foster Youth” in the County of El Dorado and recognizes the efforts of the Foster Awareness Network and their community partners to facilitate connections to the resources and networks available to foster youth and to identify solutions to foster care needs.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a special meeting, held the 7th day of December, 2015.

Attest:

James S. Mitrison

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors