



**Proclamation**  
**OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO**  
**Recognizing the Month of April, 2012 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

**Whereas,** Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of El Dorado County; and

**Whereas,** Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college; and

**Whereas,** We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

**Whereas,** Staff and volunteers of anti-violence programs at the The Center for Violence-Free Relationships encourages every person to speak out 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 sexual violence in El Dorado County 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 of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual 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 sexual violence.

**Now therefore be it proclaimed:** that the Board of Supervisors of the County El Dorado join anti-sexual violence advocates and The Center for Violence-Free Relationships in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of California, we do hereby proclaim April 2012 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 27th day of March, 2012.

**Attest:**

Suzanne Allen de Sanchez  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
by:

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Deputy Clerk

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Chair, Board of Supervisors