



**Proclamation
Of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Recognizing April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month**

WHEREAS, children are the foundation of our future, and their safety, well-being, and healthy development are essential to the prosperity and quality of life of our community; and

WHEREAS, 2,207 reports of abuse and/or neglect were made to El Dorado County Child Welfare Services in 2024, of which 147 referrals were substantiated, confirming that at least 230 children in our county experienced abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have significant long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for the child and family, as well as the community and society at large, and

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment that fosters their full potential; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a collective responsibility that requires the engagement of the entire community, as its effects extend far beyond individual families, shaping the future of our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, strong communities support parents by providing social connections, parenting education, and concrete resources that help families navigate challenges, reduce stress, and create safe homes for children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships between child welfare professionals, education, health, community, and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, In solemn remembrance of the young lives lost to violence, the County of El Dorado will participate in the statewide raising of the Children's Memorial Flag on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. at the El Dorado Community Health Center in Placerville. Together, we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring every child grows up in a safe and nurturing environment, free from abuse and neglect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado hereby proclaims the month of April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urges all community members to dedicate themselves to improving the quality of life for all children and families, and to preventing child abuse in El Dorado County.

PASSED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 1st day of April, 2025.

Attest:
Kim Dawson, Clerk of the Board

George Turnboo, Chair Board of Supervisors