



## PROCLAMATION

### OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO PROCLAIMING APRIL 2013 AUTISM RECOGNITION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, autism and autism spectrum disorders are neurodevelopment disorders of unknown etiology that may cause significant impairments in language, communications, social interactions, abnormalities in behaviors, and other physical manifestations; and,

**WHEREAS**, autism is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in California, and nationally 1 out of every 88 children, of which 54 are boys, are afflicted with some form of autism spectrum disorder; and,

**WHEREAS**, “The CDC’s new estimates of autism prevalence demand that we recognize autism as a public health emergency warranting immediate attention,” said Autism Speaks Chief Science Officer Geraldine Dawson, Ph.D. “It is a crisis of epidemic proportions – and not just among children”; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, the County of El Dorado joined with families and other autism advocates to announce its support for Assembly Bill 171 to require health insurance companies to cover the screening, diagnosis and treatment of pervasive developmental disorder or autism, and for SB 946, known as the “Autism Insurance Reform” bill to require health insurance coverage for behavioral health treatment for pervasive developmental disorder or autism; we are happy to report that SB 946 became law and many families are now being helped by this bill, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado find that they support the proposal of recognizing the Month of April as World Wide Autism Month.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim April 2, 2013, as “Autism Recognition Day” and the month of April 2013 as “Autism Recognition Month” in the County of El Dorado.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 2nd day of April, 2013.

**Attest:**

James S. Mitrison  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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