



## Proclamation

### OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Recognizing the Month of January, 2017, as National Mentoring Month

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, President George W. Bush endorsed the campaign spearheaded by the Harvard School of Public Health, MENTOR, and the Corporation for National and Community Service by proclaiming January as National Mentoring Month; and,

**WHEREAS**, there are an estimated 10,000 youth living in El Dorado County who are considered to be at-risk as a result of poverty, domestic violence, living in foster care, having an incarcerated parent or living in a single parent or guardian home; and,

**WHEREAS**, many of these children are lacking a positive role model in their life, someone they can look up to, someone to keep them safe, someone to believe in them; and,

**WHEREAS**, these children face the differences between their peers, daily and they struggle with acceptance in a community where they understand they live in stark contrast to their peers; and,

**WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Dorado County operates with the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life, whose mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that there be a greater understanding and public awareness that mentoring relationships help stabilize families in our community and ultimately contribute directly to the prosperity and quality of life in our area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Supervisors, for the County of El Dorado, does herewith proclaim the month of **January, 2017, as National Mentoring Month**.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

**Attest:**

James S. Mitrising  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Deputy Clerk

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Chair, Shiva Frentzen, Board of Supervisors