



PROCLAMATION

Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado In Recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, in Federal fiscal year 2019, 4.4 million reports were made to child protective services. The CDC reports that at least 1 in 7 children have experienced child abuse and/or neglect in the past year and in 2018, nearly 1,770 children died of abuse and neglect in the United States; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the American Psychological Association noted that children are specifically vulnerable to abuse during COVID-19. Research shows that increased stress levels among parents is often a major predictor of physical abuse and neglect of children; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

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

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 6th day of April 2021.

Attest:

Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

John Hidahl, Chair, Board of Supervisors