



**PROCLAMATION**  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
Recognizing October 2020 as  
**Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month**  
and October 15, 2020, as  
**Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day**

**WHEREAS**, the lives of an estimated one in four families are devastated by the death of a child during pregnancy, at birth or in infancy; and

**WHEREAS**, common effects of this loss include depression, anxiety, relationship challenges and post-traumatic stress, all of which can sometimes be misunderstood or underestimated by friends, family members and health care professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 25, 1988, President Ronald Reagan designated the month of October 1988 as “Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month,” saying at the time, “When a child loses his parent, they are called an orphan. When a spouse loses her or his partner, they are called a widow or widower. When parents lose their child, there isn’t a word to describe them”; and

**WHEREAS**, President Reagan’s proclamation recognized “the loss so many parents experience across the United States and around the world. It is also meant to inform and provide resources for parents who have lost children due to miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, stillbirths, birth defects, SIDS, and other causes”; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, the federal government proclaimed October 15th “Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day,” and every state and many countries now have a yearly proclamation in honor of those who have lost a child during pregnancy or during infancy; and

**WHEREAS**, October 15th is observed worldwide with remembrance ceremonies and candle-lighting vigils, concluding with the “Lights of Love International Wave of Light,” a worldwide lighting of candles in honor and remembrance of all the loved and longed-for babies,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim October 2020 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and October 15, 2020, as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day 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 the 13th day of October, 2020.

Attest:  
Kim Dawson  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By : \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Brian Veerkamp, Chair, Board of Supervisors