



Proclamation
of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Recognizing April, 2016 as
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Whereas, in 2015, over half a million victims of child abuse or neglect were reported in California and 2,296 in the County of El Dorado; and

Whereas, everyone has a responsibility, as neighbors, community members and citizens of the County to help create a healthy, safe and nurturing environment for children and youth and to provide protective factors and conditions that reduce or eliminate risk to better promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children ; and

Whereas, child abuse and neglect often occurs when families or caregivers find themselves in isolated or stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope, in fact, most child abuse cases are preventable when communities are supportive and engaged; and

Whereas, safe and healthy childhood experiences produce confident, successful and independent adults while neglect and abuse can be reduced significantly by assuring support for families and children in a healthy environment; and

Whereas, effective prevention programs succeed because meaningful connections and partnerships are created between agencies, schools, faith-based organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

Whereas, wearing the color blue, a blue ribbon or displaying a blue pinwheel in April will serve as a positive reminder that together we can prevent child abuse and keep children safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim **April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month** and urges all citizens to collaborate with the Child Abuse Prevention Council and its partners and programs as they support nurturing environments that help keep families and children safe, supported and healthy.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 5th day of April, 2016.

Attest:

James S. Mitrison
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by:

Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors