



## Proclamation

### OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

### Recognizing April 2, 2017 as “World Autism Awareness Day”

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

**Whereas**, prevalence of autism in the United States has been estimated at 1 in 68 births, and 1 in 42 boys; and, however, a new government survey of parents suggests that 1 in 45 children, ages 3 through 17, have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). This is notably higher than the official government estimate of 1 in 68 American children with autism, by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

**Whereas**, the 1 in 45 estimate is not surprising and is likely a more accurate representation of autism prevalence in the United States, comments epidemiologist Michael Rosanoff, Autism Speaks director for public health research. This means that 2 percent of children in the U.S. are living with autism. The earlier they have access to care, services and treatment, the more likely they are to progress; and

**Whereas**, autism may cost a family \$60,000 a year on average; and

**Whereas**, there is no medical detection or cure for autism, however, studies show that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they can lead significantly improved lives; and

**Whereas**, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized services and community support to ensure their health and safety and to support families’ resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens that autism can present; and

**Whereas**, El Dorado County is promoting awareness effort to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects.

**Now therefore be it proclaimed**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim April 2, 2017 as Autism 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

**Attest:**

James S. Mitrising  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Deputy Clerk

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Shiva Frentzen, Chair, Board of Supervisors