



**RESOLUTION NO. 104-2013**

**OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association, together with its state and local members, is to support and promote court-appointed volunteer advocacy so that every abused or neglected child can be safe, establish permanence and have the opportunity to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, Court Appointed Special Advocate programs (CASA) have operated successfully nationally for the past thirty five years; and

**WHEREAS**, in the County of El Dorado, CASA El Dorado, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has operated successfully for the past twenty years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1996 the role of CASA was formally adopted into the national Child Abuse Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA) and has remained an integral part of the law in various updates and amendments since that time; and

**WHEREAS**, the role of CASA has been adopted into the Welfare & Institutions Code at §100 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code §103(c), each CASA is an officer of the court and pursuant to §102(c), each CASA must provide independent factual information to the court regarding the cases to which he or she is assigned, while representing the best interest of the children involved in the cases to which he or she is appointed; and

**WHEREAS**, CASA provides a valuable public service by maintaining an independent voice for neglected and/or abused children in court, as provided by State law; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has identified funding for a one-time contribution to CASA in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be used in support of providing services for neglected and abused children in El Dorado County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has determined this one-time financial contribution will assist CASA to continue providing valuable services to the at-risk youth in our County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado approves and authorizes the Auditor-Controller to issue a one-time payment of \$50,000.00 to CASA El Dorado located at 347 Main St Placerville, CA 95667.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 16th day of July, 2013, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Nutting, Veerkamp, Mikulaco, Briggs, Santiago

Noes: None

Absent: None

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Ron Briggs