



***Recognizing April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month
in the County of El Dorado***

WHEREAS, in 2018, in the County of El Dorado, law enforcement, teachers, counselors, and other citizens reported 2,218 allegations of abuse and neglect of children. Allegations for 269 of these children were substantiated, meaning that at least 269 children were subjected to abuse and neglect in the county in 2018.

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children ensure all children grow to their full potential;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 2nd day of April, 2019, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" and urges every resident to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live. To remember those children whose lives were cut short by senseless violence the County of El Dorado will participate in the statewide raising of the Children's Memorial Flag on Friday, April 26, 2019 in front of the Health and Human Services Agency.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 2nd day of April 2019.

Attest:

James S. Mitrison, Clerk of the Board

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