



Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Recognizing November 19, 2015, as Children's Grief Awareness Day

WHEREAS, children who have experienced loss, especially of a loved one, carry that loss with them forever; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated one in five children in the United States will experience the death of someone close to them by the age of 18, and one in twenty children in the United States will experience the death of a parent by age 18; and,

WHEREAS, the loss that children face is not exclusively the death of a parent or guardian, but can also include the death of a sibling, having an estimated 73,000 children pass in the United States, 83% of those have a surviving sibling; and,

WHEREAS, death and loss impact children of any gender, race or background, including many individuals living in El Dorado County; and,

WHEREAS, Thursday the 19th of November has been designated as Children's Grief Awareness Day; and,

WHEREAS, Increased awareness about children's grief in our community help remove the stigma that death creates, allowing children who have experienced the death of a loved one to properly discuss and cope with their loss; and,

WHEREAS, Comfort Zone Camp, a 501c(3) non-profit organization, advocates appropriate coping skills and allows children aged 7-17 all across the United States to acknowledge and share their feelings and stories of loss; and,

WHEREAS, we seek to recognize the hardships that many children in El Dorado County face constantly, due to the death of a parent, guardian, sibling, or other close family member.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors, for the County of El Dorado, does hereby proclaim the 19th of November, 2015 as Children's Grief Awareness Day in El Dorado County.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 17th day of November, 2015.

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

by:

Deputy Clerk

Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair, Board of Supervisors