



# PROCLAMATION

## *October, 2010, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all ethnic origins, ages, socioeconomic levels and genders; and,*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence violates individuals' privacy, dignity, security and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control or abuse; and,*

*WHEREAS, in our country, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or domestic partners everyday and in the County of El Dorado rates of incidents continue to rise; and,*

*WHEREAS, children who grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and,*

*WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and non productivity; and,*

*WHEREAS, a coalition of organizations and county agencies work together to directly confront this crisis, including law enforcement, those involved with shelters and hotline services, health care providers, mental health and human services, the faith community and other concerned citizens and volunteers who are helping in the effort to end domestic violence; and,*

*WHEREAS, we must recognize the compassion and dedication of volunteers and professionals, applaud their efforts and increase public understanding of this important problem.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT*** the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby call upon its citizens to observe the month of October, 2010, as ***Domestic Violence Awareness Month***, and to support those who are working toward ending domestic violence.

*Attest: Suzanne Allen de Sanchez,  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*

*Ayes: Knight, Nutting, Sweeney, Briggs, Santiago  
October 5, 2010*

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Deputy Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor Norma Santiago, Chair