



Proclamation
of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Recognizing April, 2016 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is a widespread public health and safety concern for the County of El Dorado, its communities and throughout California and the nation; and

Whereas, research indicates that sexual violence may occur in any type of relationship; that approximately 80% of rape victims are between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five; and 93% of juvenile sexual assault victims know their attacker; and

Whereas, addressing teen dating violence must be a priority to confront the reality that nearly 1.5 million high school students per year nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner and one in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner; and

Whereas, victims of sexual assault are three times more likely to suffer from depression; six times more likely to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder; twenty-six times more likely to abuse drugs, and four times more likely to contemplate suicide; and

Whereas, every person in El Dorado County is encouraged to make a personal commitment to help keep women, men, children and youth safe from sexual assault.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2016, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, an strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 5th day of April, 2016.

Attest:

James S. Mitrison
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
by:

Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors