



## PROCLAMATION

### Recognizing April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month in the County of El Dorado

**WHEREAS**, children are the foundation of our future, and their safety, well-being, and healthy development are essential to the prosperity and quality of life of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, 2,336 reports of abuse and/or neglect were made to El Dorado County Child Welfare Services in 2025, of which 137 referrals were substantiated, confirming that at least 215 children in our county experienced abuse or neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse can have significant long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for the child and family, as well as the community and society at large, and

**WHEREAS**, every child deserves to grow up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment that fosters their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, preventing child abuse and neglect is a collective responsibility that requires the engagement of the entire community, as its effects extend far beyond individual families, shaping the future of our society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, strong communities support parents by providing social connections, parenting education, and concrete resources that help families navigate challenges, reduce stress, and create safe homes for children; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention efforts succeed through collaboration among individuals, families, human service agencies, schools, faith organizations, healthcare providers, law enforcement, businesses, and the broader community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado hereby proclaims the month of April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urges all citizens to come together to build caring connections, supportive environments, and positive experiences for children and families.

**PASSED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 7th day of April 2026.

In solemn remembrance of the young lives lost to violence, the County of El Dorado will participate in the statewide raising of the Children's Memorial Flag on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. at the El Dorado Community Health Center in Placerville.

Together, we reaffirm our commitment to ensuring every child grows up in a safe and nurturing environment, free from abuse and neglect.

Attest:

Kim Dawson, Clerk of the Board

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Brooke Laine, Chair Board of Supervisors

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