



PROCLAMATION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 AS FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, the term Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is an umbrella term that describes the range of birth defects and permanent disabilities caused by maternal consumption of alcohol during pregnancy; and,

WHEREAS, prenatal exposure to alcohol can cause birth defects, intellectual disabilities, learning disabilities, attention deficits and behavior disorders; and,

WHEREAS, key features of FASD include harm to the central nervous system, facial feature abnormalities and both height and weight growth deficiencies; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General recommends that women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant abstain from drinking as FASD can only be prevented by avoiding alcohol entirely during pregnancy; and,

WHEREAS, every year on September 9th communities around the world observe International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day with events held at 9:09 a.m., which is the 9th minute of the 9th hour of the 9th day of the 9th month of the year to remind women that FASD is completely preventable if a woman does not consume alcohol during the nine months of pregnancy; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado joins communities across our nation to raise awareness of FASD and in support of the efforts to provide more information on the hazards of consuming alcohol while pregnant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim September 9, 2013, as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held this 27th day of August, 2013.

Attest:

James S. Mitrison

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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