



## **Proclamation**

### **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

#### **Recognizing October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**Whereas**, October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month;

**Whereas**, Domestic Violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States, California, and El Dorado County;

**Whereas**, Domestic Violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior that exists as a part of a systemic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another, including but not limited to physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse;

**Whereas**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that domestic violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member in the County of El Dorado;

**Whereas**, the County experiences on average 5.6 domestic violence hotline calls per 1,000 members of the population and for the calendar year of 2024, The Center and Live Violence Free assisted 1,498 individuals County-wide resulting in 1,423 intervention encounters including but not limited to crisis calls, peer counseling, sheltering, transportation and social service referrals, and of the 1,423 victims of domestic violence 82% identified as female, 17% male with 1% identifying as other. Ten percent of individuals were under the age of 18;

**Whereas**, the County of El Dorado combats domestic violence through supporting Domestic Violence Shelter-Based Programs in the County, as well as through behavioral health, substance use disorder, public health and protective services; and

**Whereas**, with continued leadership and dedication, there is compelling evidence to suggest we can be successful in reducing domestic violence in the County of El Dorado through prevention, education, increased community awareness, and holding perpetrators of violence responsible for their actions.

**Now therefore be it proclaimed** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and joins The Center for Violence Free Relationships and Live Violence Free in urging all citizens to actively participate in becoming part of the solution to end violence in homes and throughout our communities.

**Passed** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2025.

**Attest:**

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by:

Kyma Schaeffey

Deputy Clerk

Chair Board of Supervisors