



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

***Proclaiming October 1 - 5, 2007  
“Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week”***

**WHEREAS**, civil litigation in our country costs individuals, small businesses and our courts billions of dollars each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, too often, people exploit our nation’s justice system in the hopes of gaining wealth; resulting in lawsuits motivated by greed instead of justice; and,

**WHEREAS**, frivolous and abusive claims can detract from communities by diverting local resources from important municipal services, public safety programs and schools; and,

**WHEREAS**, with the taxing financial and public burden of irresponsible litigation, many small business owners, health care providers and government entities fear being sued and legitimate victims experience unfair delays when pursuing due process under the law; and,

**WHEREAS**, abuse of the legal system (lawsuit abuse) is a plague upon our justice system and our economy that carries a cost of over \$800 each year for each and every American citizen, costs jobs and cripples small businesses; and,

**WHEREAS**, Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week provides and opportunity for consumers to learn about the human and economic expense of lawsuit abuse, encourage our legislators to promote balance in our legal system, motivate people to serve on juries and ensure that the U.S. justice system is used for its genuine purpose – to preserve and protect our liberties; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of October 1-5, 2007, as “Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week” and encourages all citizens to support fundamental reforms to safeguard and improve our civil justice system.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

**ATTEST:**

Cindy Keck

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Deputy Clerk

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors