



Proclamation
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
Recognizing
National Volunteer Week April 12-18, 2015

Whereas, President Richard Nixon established National Volunteer Week by executive order in 1974 as a way to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers, and since that time every sitting U.S. president has issued a proclamation during National Volunteer Week; and

Whereas, volunteers strengthen our community by generously donating their time, energy, and talents to make a difference in the lives of those around us, often with few resources or any expectation of gain in return; and

Whereas, volunteers provide vital support to multiple County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency programs including, but not limited to, Animal Services, Child Protective Services, Family Caregiver Support Program, Information and Assistance, In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Mental Health Services, Public Health Nursing, Public Health Preparedness and Response, Public Housing Authority, Senior Activities, Senior Legal Services, Senior Nutrition, Senior Peer Counseling, Senior Shuttle, Senior Day Care, Social Services Programs, and the You Are Not Alone Telephone Reassurance Program; and

Whereas, volunteers provide support to these programs through activities such as entertaining senior day care members, congregate and home delivery meal service for seniors, supervision during family visitation for children in protective custody, reassurance calls to seniors living alone, visiting at-risk older adults, assisting at the Mental Health Wellness Center, exercising and socializing animals, cleaning shelter kennels, driving seniors to appointments, assisting with flu clinics and health fairs, and receiving complaints regarding long term care facilities just to name a few; and

Whereas, more than 400 volunteers provide, on average, over 20,000 hours of service annually to the aforementioned Health and Human Services Agency programs, which enhances existing services and makes available additional services that otherwise may not be provided; and

Whereas, volunteers are an essential component to the success of many services provided throughout the County and the efforts of all volunteers are greatly appreciated and valued.

Now therefore be it proclaimed: that the County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors recognize the week of April 12 through 18, 2015, as National Volunteer Week and formally thank those that volunteer their time and energy to support and improve the community.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 14th day of April, 2015.

Attest:

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

Deputy Clerk

Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair, Board of Supervisors