

PROCLAMATION

by the Board of Supervisors for
the County of El Dorado
Proclaiming
April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, child abuse is a national tragedy, taking the lives of three children everyday and affecting millions of children and families of all races, ages and income levels; and,

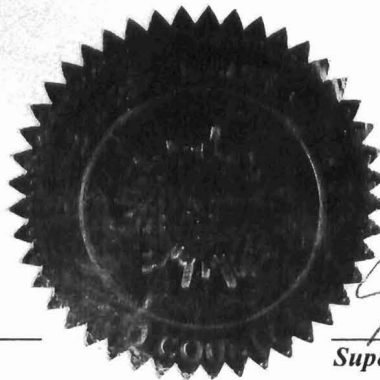
WHEREAS, in 2005 in El Dorado County, more than 2,414 children were referred to Child Protective Services for investigation of abuse or neglect; and,

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the loss of a child's privacy, dignity and security, the national cost of responding to child abuse runs in the billions of dollars annually for law enforcement, social workers, court, shelters and foster care; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse is a preventable disease that left without prevention, intervention and/or treatment programming, is many times passed down through generations and becomes a problem inherited by all of society; and,

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Child Abuse Prevention Council, made up of community members, social services, non-profit and faith based organizations, child care, courts, public health and safety, schools and government, is placing prevention as a priority, and put together a Blue Ribbon Campaign that will inform our citizens of programs and activities designed to educate and prevent child abuse and neglect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado does herewith declare the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Attest: *Cindy Keck, Clerk of the Board*

Helen J. Baumann
Supervisor Helen Baumann, Chair