

Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

Recognizing October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

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; and

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; and

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; and

WHEREAS, the County experiences on average 4.6 domestic violence hotline calls per 1,000 members of the population and for the calendar year of 2021, The Center and Live Violence Free assisted 1282 individuals County-wide resulting in 3276 intervention encounters including but not limited to crisis calls, peer counseling, sheltering, transportation and social service referrals; and

WHEREAS, The 1282 victims of domestic violence identified as 89% female, 10% male with 1% identifying as other. Seven percent of individuals are under the age of 18; and

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 PROCLAMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and joins The Center 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 and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of the Board, held the 18th day of October 2022.

Attest:

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Lori Parlin, Chair, Board of Supervisors