



**Proclamation**  
of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
**Recognizing January, 2016 as**

**NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery and is a crime against humanity that violates the most basic human rights and liberties, depriving victims of their freedom. Victims suffer emotional, psychological and physical horrors at the hands of their captors and exploiters who instill fear to keep them enslaved; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is the act of recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining a person for compelled labor or commercial sex acts through the use of force, fraud or coercion for purposes of sexual exploitation, subjection to involuntary servitude, debt bondage, or slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, victims, now being trafficked, number in the several million and are men or women, boys or girls, United States citizens or foreign nationals. The average age for girls and boys to enter the commercial trafficking trade is 13 years; and

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado County's mission is to increase community awareness of human trafficking and transform the lives of those affected through awareness, education and prevention.

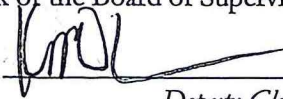
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim January, 2016 as "National Human Trafficking Awareness Month" and encourages all citizens to recognize people who are at-risk of or have been trafficked by developing personal relationships with them, providing a safety net of services, community awareness, and resources to help them.

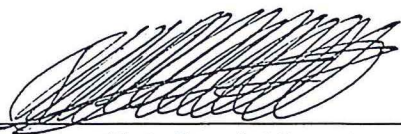
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 12th day of January, 2016.

**Attest:**

James S. Mitrusin  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Deputy Clerk

  
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Chair, Board of Supervisors