

EL DORADO COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA TRANSMITTAL  
Meeting of September 26, 2006

**AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation: "Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week"**

**DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors**

**DATE: 8/11/06**

**CAO USE ONLY**

**CONTACT: Supervisor Jack Sweeney** *JWS*

**PHONE: 621-5652**

**DEPARTMENT SUMMARY AND REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

Supervisor Sweeney requests board consideration and adoption of the attached proclamation declaring October 2-6, 2006 as "Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week."

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

**Financial impact? ( ) Yes ( ) No**

**Funding Source: ( ) Gen Fund ( ) Other**

**BUDGET SUMMARY:**

**Total Est. Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Funding**

**Budgeted \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**New Funding \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Savings\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Funding Available \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Change in Net County Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**\* Explain**

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**415's Vote Req'd. ( ) Yes ( ) No**

**Change in Policy ( ) Yes ( ) No**

**New Personnel ( ) Yes ( ) No**

**CONCURRENCES:**

**Risk Management**

**County Counsel**

**Other**

**BOARD ACTIONS:**

**Vote: Unanimous \_\_\_\_\_ Or**

**Ayes:**

**Noes:**

**Abstentions:**

**Absent:**

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**I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered into the minutes of the Board of Supervisors.**

**Date:**

**Attest: CINDY KECK, Board of Supervisors Clerk**

**By:**



CITIZENS AGAINST LAWSUIT ABUSE

The Honorable James Sweeney  
Board of Supervisors El Dorado County  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

July 27, 2006

Dear Supervisor Sweeney,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite the Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County to join our nearly 3,500 supporters throughout the Central Valley and Sacramento region in promoting public awareness of lawsuit abuse and its effects on our local communities, schools and governments. As you well know, local governments are often viewed as "deep pockets" in predatory lawsuits, which only exacerbates the many financial challenges municipalities face today.

With this in mind, we respectfully request that you issue a proclamation declaring **October 2-6, 2006 as Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week**. I have enclosed sample proclamation text for your review. (It is also available electronically if that is more convenient.)

We plan to issue press releases upon the receipt of the proclamation and hope to generate interest in this important issue. We would be grateful if we could include mention of your support.

Please aid in our efforts to call attention to this important issue. Should you have questions concerning Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week, or Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, please contact us. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

Diann H. Rogers, President  
Central California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse

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**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Recognizing October 2-6, 2006**  
**as**  
***"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 carried a cost of \$886 for each and every American citizen, costs jobs and cripples small businesses; and

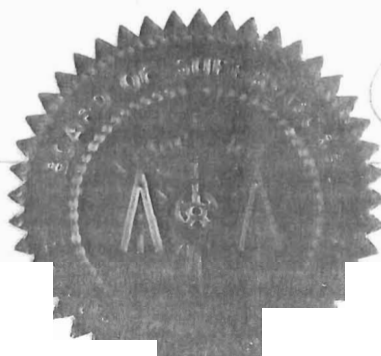
Whereas, Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week provides an opportunity for consumers to learn about the human and economic expense of lawsuit abuse, encourages our legislators to promote balance in our legal system, motivate people to serve on juries and ensure that the United States Justice System is used for its genuine purpose: to preserve and protect our liberties.

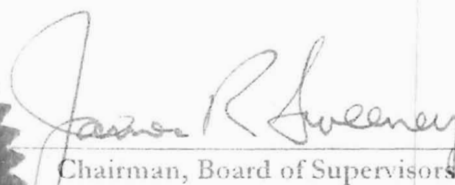
Now, therefore, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of October 2-6, 2006 as "Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week" and encourage all citizens to support fundamental reforms to safeguard and improve our civil justice system.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 26th day of September, 2006.

Attest:  
Cindy Keck  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
by:

  
Deputy Clerk



  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors