

Proclamation

of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Proclaiming April, 2011 "Autism Awareness Month"

WHEREAS, Autism and autism spectrum are neurodevelopment disorders of unknown etiology that can cause significant impairments in language, communications, social interactions, abnormalities in behaviors, and other physical manifestations; and

WHEREAS, Autism is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in California, and one out of every 110 children nationally, of which 70 are boys, are afflicted with some form of autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have called autism a national public health crisis whose cause and cure remain unknown professionals in the medical and educational fields are still unaware of the best methods to diagnose and treat this pervasive disorder; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 171, the autism insurance reform bill, which would require private health insurance companies to cover the screening, diagnosis, testing and treatment of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD); and

WHEREAS, the support of Assembly Bill 171 and designating April, 2011, as "Autism Awareness Month" will aid in the effort to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals and their families with autism and medical professionals assisting in their care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of April, 2011, as "Autism Awareness Month".

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 29th day of March, 2011, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest: Suzanne Allen de Sanchez	
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors	
By:	
Deputy Clerk	Chairman, Board of Supervisors