

## Proclamation

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Recognizing April 2017 AS Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member of El Dorado County; and

Whereas, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment impact our community as seen by statistics indicating that one in four women will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college; and

Whereas, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

Whereas, staff and volunteers of anti-violence programs at The Center for Violence-Free Relationships encourages every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and

Whereas, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in El Dorado County through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

Whereas, we strongly support the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors join anti-sexual violence advocates and The Center for Violence-Free Relationships in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence. Along with the United States Government and State of California, I do hereby proclaim April 2017 as "Sexual Assault 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

## Attest:

James S. Mitrisin Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Shiva Frentzen, Chair, Board of Supervisors