

Proclamation

Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado In Support of the County Protecting its Youth and Pregnant Mothers From the Harmful Effects of Marijuana

WHEREAS, studies show that marijuana impacts brain development; that it passes across the placenta of pregnant mothers and concentrates in their breast milk; that use of marijuana by pregnant mothers may result in lower birth weights; that marijuana is linked to school failure; that marijuana is the second most common drug found in drivers who die in accidents; and that studies show that 16% of teenage marijuana users will become addicted; and,

WHEREAS, government agencies and community leaders have the responsibility to ensure public safety and health of our county's children and pregnant mothers; and,

WHEREAS, those who grow and consume marijuana have the responsibility and ability to keep all marijuana, related paraphernalia, secondhand smoke, and any harmful pesticides, herbicides, and firearms they may possess away from young people; and,

WHEREAS, parents, as the most influential people in the lives of their children, have the responsibility and the ability to impact their children with conversations and the behavior they model; and,

WHEREAS, young people need to be safe to be successful, have the opportunity to prepare themselves for a future where they will not have the protection of their parents and, therefore, must learn to make positive decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado is resolved to strongly support all actions that help to create healthy environments for youth and pregnant mothers in their homes, schools and community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 7th day of November 2017.

Attest.

James S. Mitrisin

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Chair, Board of Supervisors