



Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Recognizing February 2019 as National Children's Dental Health Month

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado recognizes the importance of developing good oral health habits at an early age and that scheduling regular dental visits helps children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums; and

WHEREAS, each February, the American Dental Association (ADA) sponsors National Children's Dental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of oral health; and

WHEREAS, the 2000 Surgeon General's report on oral health identified Early Childhood Caries (cavities) as a "silent epidemic" of dental and oral diseases, and called for a national effort to improve oral health among all Americans; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, although preventable, tooth decay is the most common chronic disease among U.S. children, and by the age of 18, approximately 80% of children in the United States have experienced tooth decay; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado County Office of Education data reports that 13% of El Dorado County's kindergarten children had untreated tooth decay in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Health and Human Services Agency and its partnering organizations are committed to fostering a place where children can eat, sleep, play, learn and grow, free from oral pain due to cavities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim February 2019 as Children's Dental Health Month in the County of El Dorado and joins in this national observance to increase public awareness about the importance of oral health and brings together the dedicated healthcare providers and educators to promote the benefits of good oral health.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 5th day of February 2019.

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Deputy Clerk

By: _____

Sue Novasel, Chair, Board of Supervisors