



## Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

### **Recognizing October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, October is annually recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence affects people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, racial, ethnic, cultural, social, religious, and economic groups in the United States, California, and El Dorado County; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence is the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior that exists as a part of a systemic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another, including but not limited to physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that domestic violence is widespread and has public health implications for every community member in the County of El Dorado; and

**WHEREAS**, between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, The Center for Violence Free Relationships and Live Violence Free served the citizens of El Dorado County by providing services and assistance to approximately 2,000 domestic violence victims and their families, including answering emergency crisis hotlines over 2,000 times, and providing more than 5,000 nights of emergency shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of El Dorado combats Domestic Violence through supporting the Domestic Violence Shelter-Based Programs in the County, as well as through Mental Health Services, Substance Use Disorder treatment services, Public Health services, and protective services; and

**WHEREAS**, with continued leadership and dedication, there is compelling evidence to suggest we can be successful in reducing domestic violence in the County of El Dorado through prevention, education, increased community awareness, and holding perpetrators of violence responsible for their actions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does hereby proclaim October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and joins The Center for Violence-Free Relationships and Live Violence Free in urging all citizens to actively participate in becoming part of the solution to end violence in homes and throughout our communities.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of the Board, held the 13th day of October, 2020.

Attest:

Kim Dawson

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair, Board of Supervisors