

## Proclamation

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Proclaiming the Month of October, 2021, as National Bullying Prevention Month

**WHEREAS,** as reported by Pacer's National Bullying Prevention Center, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and online through technology; and

**WHEREAS,** various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; and

WHEREAS, thousands of California children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and

**WHEREAS,** targets of bullying are at increased risk for depression, anxiety, sleep difficulties, lower academic achievement, and dropping out of school and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, interacting online, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less safe, helpless to stop it, and intimidated.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, do herewith proclaim the month of October as National Bullying Prevention Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that El Dorado County schools, students, parents, recreation programs, religious institutions, businesses, and community organizations be encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 28th day of September 2021.

Attest: Kim Dawson Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by: