

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024 AS  
PREGNANCY AND EARLY INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, Pregnancy and Early Infant Loss is more common than we realize. It is estimated in the United States that 1 in 4 pregnancies end in miscarriage, 1 in 175 pregnancies end in stillbirth, and 5 infants per 1000 die before their first birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, many Lake County parents and families have suffered a miscarriage, a stillbirth or the death of an infant during delivery or shortly after birth, and such a terrible loss is often not recognized; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County wishes to acknowledge the profound grief experienced by families who suffer the death of a small child, infant, or pre-term baby; and

**WHEREAS**, even the shortest lives are still valuable, and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives is significant; and

**WHEREAS**, the 15th day of October is recognized in the United States and around the world, as a day of remembrance and awareness of pregnancy and early infant loss, when Mother-Wise will host a free, community event at 6pm at THAT Ranch in Lakeport for those who have experienced this profound loss; and

**WHEREAS**, increased awareness of the causes and impacts surrounding pregnancy and infant loss may lead to greater understanding, support, and resources in communities across Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing Pregnancy and Early Infant Loss Awareness Month and Remembrance Day would enable the people of Lake County to consider how, as individuals and communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED**, the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim October 2024 as Pregnancy and Early Infant Loss Awareness month in Lake County, CA and encourage parents, caregivers, and all residents to become educated in opportunities to prevent pregnancy and early infant loss and to support bereaved families when prevention is not possible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER  
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF LAKE

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Chair Board of Supervisors