

**MEMORANDUM
COUNTY OF PLACER
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Troy Held, Assistant Director/Supervising Attorney

DATE: July 12, 2006

SUBJECT: Resolution Proclaiming August 2006 as "Child Support Awareness Month"

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve Resolution Proclaiming August 2006 as "Child Support Awareness Month"

BACKGROUND

Each year, the State of California formally recognizes the month of August as "Child Support Awareness Month" by proclamation from the Office of the Governor. It is proclaimed that children are our most valuable resource, and need the emotional, medical and financial support of each parent to reach their full potential as adults. It is further proclaimed that California's child support program puts children first by promoting positive relationships, providing support services, enhancing stability and ensuring parents pay child support on a regular and timely basis.

In conjunction with the State Proclamation, the Placer County Board of Supervisors annually recognizes, and proclaims the Month of August as "Child Support Awareness Month" in and for the County of Placer.

During the fiscal year 2005 – 2006, the Placer County Department of Child Support Services (PLDCSS) collected over \$18,000,000 million in child support payments. Of that amount, approximately \$14,500,000 million was distributed to families and the balance for the reimbursement of expended assistance.

The attached resolution, proclaiming August 2006 as "Child Support Awareness Month", reflects Placer County's long-standing commitment to improving the lives of our children through the child support program.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

cc: Pamela McManis, Director, Department of Child Support Services

PLACER COUNTY RESOLUTION
PROCLAIMING AUGUST 2006 AS
"CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH"

WHEREAS, children are our most precious resource and become healthy, productive, and well-adjusted adults through the support and nurturing of their families; and,

WHEREAS, California's child support program provides an important opportunity for non-custodial parents to be a positive force in the lives of their children, serving 2 million children in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County child support services agency provides critical services to children and families ensuring children have the opportunity to reach their full potential as productive adults and members of our community; and

WHEREAS, although many non-custodial parents are concerned parents that willingly provide emotional and financial support for their children, California and Placer County must continue to encourage even more non-custodial parents to assume and embrace their parental responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Placer County DCSS established 744 paternities, issued 592 new child support orders, and 5361 families left welfare with support payments, and in fiscal year 2005 collected over \$18 million in total support; and,

WHEREAS, California and Placer County are strongly committed to seeking ways to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of its Child Support Program by implementing innovative programs and systems; and,

WHEREAS, California and Placer County's child support program put "children first"; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of the importance of this issue through education, media attention and outreach will reinforce the need for all parents to take responsibility for the financial, emotional, and physical support of their children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims August 2006, as "*Child Support Awareness Month*" in Placer County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Placer County, State of California, this 1st day of August, 2006 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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