



MEMORANDUM
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** July 27, 2021
FROM: Laura Van Buskirk, Director
BY: Andrea Lee, Executive Secretary
SUBJECT: Declare August 2021 as Child Support Awareness Month in Placer County

ACTION REQUESTED

Receive a Presentation about Child Support Awareness and approve a Proclamation Declaring August 2021 as Child Support Awareness Month in Placer County.

BACKGROUND

More than 1 million California children and families benefit from the services provided by over 7,000 local California child support professionals who are steadfastly committed to improving the quality of life through timely, accurate, and responsive child support services. Last year alone child support collected over \$2.8 billion, including over \$29 million collected by the dedicated professionals of the Department of Child Support Services of Placer County.

Your Board has recognized the month of August as “Child Support Awareness Month” in Placer County since 2009. The recognition of August as “Child Support Awareness Month” assists the Placer County Department of Child Support Services in promoting positive relationships by providing support services that enhance stability while ensuring parents pay child support on a regular and timely basis.

This year for Child Support Awareness Month, the staff of Child Support Services decided to go big! We set a lofty goal of collecting enough funds to purchase 350 backpacks - a tremendous goal from our previous amount of 50 backpacks! Child Support Services collaborated and partnered with the Placer County Library and together have planned several outreach events scheduled from Rocklin to Kings Beach.

As with this Board, the State of California formally recognizes the month of August as “Child Support Awareness Month” by proclamation from the Office of the Governor.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Proclamation

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In The Matter Of A Proclamation Declaring August 2021 As Child Support Awareness Month In Placer County In Support Of the State Of California Designating August 2021 As Child Support Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Child Support Awareness Month celebrates the key role that parental, emotional, and financial support play in the well-being of our most precious resource - our children - helping them to become healthy, productive, and well-adjusted adults; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Department of Child Support Services provides important services enabling parents to be a positive influence in the lives of their children, while ensuring children have an opportunity to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, more than 7,000 local California child support professionals are steadfastly committed to improving the quality of life for over 1 million California children and families through timely, accurate, and responsive child support services, which collected nearly \$2.8 billion last year, including over \$29 million by the Department of Child Support Services of Placer County; and

WHEREAS, these crucial payments not only fulfill a legal responsibility, but also reduce the need for public assistance, and provide everyday necessities such as food, clothing, shelter, and medical care; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the above PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, at a regular meeting held, July 27, 2021, and does hereby proclaim August 2021 as Child Support Awareness Month in Placer County in support of the State of California designating August as Child Support Awareness Month.

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