



MEMORANDUM
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** August 9, 2022
FROM: Laura Van Buskirk, Director of Child Support Services
SUBJECT: Child Support Awareness Month

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Proclamation Declaring August 2022 as Child Support Awareness Month in Placer County.

BACKGROUND

Since 2009, your Board has recognized the month of August as “Child Support Awareness Month” in Placer County. Declaring 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.

More than one million California children and families benefit from the services provided by over 6,500 local California child support professionals. These professionals are steadfastly committed to improving the quality of life through timely, accurate, and responsive child support services, collecting over \$2.7 billion last year, including over \$28 million collected by the dedicated professionals of the Department of Child Support Services of Placer County.

As with your 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

Attachment A – Proclamation Child Support Awareness Month 2022

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 2022 AS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH IN PLACER COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING AUGUST 2022 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 positive influences in the lives of their children, while ensuring children have an opportunity to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, more than 6,500 local California child support professionals are steadfastly committed to improving the quality of life for over one million California children and families through timely, accurate, and responsive child support services, which collected over \$2.7 billion last year, including more than \$28 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month and urges all citizens to join Placer County Health and Human Services, and many community partners, as they support each family's efforts to keep themselves and their children safe, happy and healthy.

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