

**MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Troy Held, Director Child Support Services
DATE: July 12, 2011
SUBJECT: **PROCLAMATION** – Approve a Proclamation declaring August 2011 as “Child Support Awareness Month” in Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Proclamation declaring August 2011 as “Child Support Awareness Month” in Placer County.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

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 the most valuable resource, and need the emotional, medical and financial support of each parent in order to reach their full potential as adults. The designation of August as “Child Support Awareness Month” serves to assist the Placer County Department of Child Support Services to promote positive relationships by 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.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the matter of a Proclamation declaring
August 2011 as "National Child Support Awareness Month"
in Placer County in support of the great State of California
designating August as "National 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 children, our most precious resource, helping them to become healthy, productive, and well-adjusted adults; and

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

WHEREAS, nearly 8,000 local California child support professionals are steadfastly committed to improving the quality of life for 1.9 million California children and families through timely, accurate, and responsive child support services, which collected over \$2.2 billion last year, including over \$19 million by the Department of Child Support Services of Placer County; and

WHEREAS, these crucial payments not only fulfill a legal responsibility, but they also reduce the need for public assistance and provide everyday necessities such as food, clothing 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 Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare August, 2011 as "National Child Support Awareness Month" in Placer County in support of the great State of California designating August as "National Child Support Awareness Month."

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