



Proclaiming

August 2024

*Child Support Awareness Month in Ventura County*

**WHEREAS**, all 50 states in the nation commemorate August as Child Support Awareness Month, honoring parents and families who serve as exemplary figures in their children's lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Ventura County recognizes that children have the inherent right to receive emotional and financial support from both parents, recognizing the importance of supporting fathers and mothers in their parenting roles; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Ventura is steadfastly dedicated to promoting the health and well-being of all children, encouraging co-parents to fulfill their child support obligations consistently and promptly, and fostering nurturing and supportive relationships between parents and their children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ventura County Department of Child Support Services plays a vital role by providing essential services, collaborating with co-parents to positively influence the lives of their children, and benefiting all community members in our County; and

**WHEREAS**, the devoted child support professionals of the Ventura County Department of Child Support Services have consistently demonstrated professionalism, compassion, and exceptional collection efforts, resulting in over \$51 million in collections in Federal Fiscal Year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the child support program contributes to family self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and positively impacts children's educational achievements, with one in four children nationally being served by child support programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon us to reaffirm our commitment to prioritizing the welfare of our youngest and most vulnerable community members, while recognizing the importance of supporting fathers and mothers alike in their shared responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Gavin Newsom has declared August as "Child Support Awareness Month" in the State of California, highlighting the importance of this cause.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims August as "Child Support Awareness Month in Ventura County" recognizing the wants and needs of co-parents, united by their shared goal of ensuring the well-being and success of future generations, while promoting inclusivity and equal support for fathers and mothers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that during this month of heightened awareness, it is crucial to acknowledge that every family possesses unique qualities, aspirations, and necessities, and stand together in their unwavering dedication to protecting and uplifting the generations that hold the key to our collective future, while ensuring that both fathers and mothers are empowered in their parenting roles.

*Presented on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2024*

  
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