



*Proclaiming August 2023 As  
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 as well as 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 residents and employees 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 the collection of \$52.7 million for families in FFY 2021-2022; 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 citizens, 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 do hereby proclaim the month of August as "Child Support Awareness Month."

This proclamation recognizes the distinct 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. During this month of heightened awareness, it is crucial to acknowledge that every family, encompassing various shapes and sizes, possesses unique aspirations and necessities. We stand together in our 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 25<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2023**

  
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