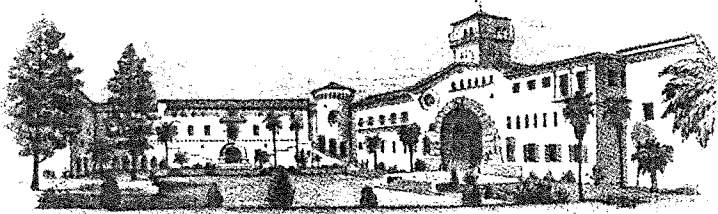


RESOLUTION NO. 23-188



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
AUGUST 2023 AS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, August is Child Support Awareness Month, an annual time to raise awareness about a critical income support program that helps millions of children and families, recognized in California and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with 46 county and regional child support offices, Santa Barbara County Department of Child Support Services understands that every co-parent has different wants and needs for their children, but all have the same shared goal: to see those children thrive; and

WHEREAS, the services accessible through California's child support program have adapted and modernized in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and technological advances like virtual court hearings and simplified online enrollment have made it easier for parents to access the services they need; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Child Support Services is dedicated to assisting parents with services that are designed to be neutral, helpful, and fair and served nearly 11,000 child support cases in 2022, collecting and distributing \$29 million in support to families and children; and

WHEREAS, in August, Santa Barbara County Child Support Services is hosting an informational virtual workshop about virtual court, offering training on child support services to the Good Samaritan Shelter and Herencia Indigena, sponsoring a license release campaign for eligible child support customers, distributing school supplies at the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department's Back to School Health Fairs and, in a tri-county collaboration, promoting the child support program at the Consulate of Mexico in Oxnard; and

WHEREAS, Child Support Awareness Month underscores the critical importance of providing families with the vital support they need and remembering that, while every family has different wants and needs, we all have the same shared goal: protecting and uplifting the generations of our future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors proclaims August 2023 as "Child Support Awareness Month" in Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 22nd day of August 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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