

COUNTY OF SANTABARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AUGUST 2025 AS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, August is recognized as Child Support Awareness Month, a yearly observance dedicated to highlighting the essential role child support plays in the well-being and economic stability of children and families; and

WHEREAS, the child support program has adopted significant improvements, including expanded pass-through payments for families formerly receiving cash aid, revised policies that provide formerly incarcerated parents more time to reestablish themselves before resuming payments, and the cessation of certain enforcement actions; and

WHEREAS, these reforms reflect a commitment to fairness, equity, and family well-being, and aim to foster coparenting relationships while reducing the burden and cost of private legal intervention; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Child Support Services serves nearly 9,500 child support cases, distributing \$28.5 million in annual support to families and children; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Child Support Services continues to offer comprehensive and highly accessible services that help families and children receive the support they deserve; and

WHEREAS, during the month of August, Santa Barbara County Child Support Services will be promoting public awareness of the child support program through participation in Public Health's Back-to-School Health Fairs, outreach to Social Services staff and clients, engagement at Downtown Fridays, Spanish radio segments, legislative updates on the department's website, and the annual school supply distribution at the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Maria; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors proclaims August 2025 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 19th day of August 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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