

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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Agenda Number:
Prepared on:
Department Name: Child Support Services
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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AUGUST 2002 AS
"CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH"

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:
Pass and adopt a resolution proclaiming the Month of August 2002, as *Child Support Awareness Month*

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 7. A Community that Fosters the Safety and Well-Being of Families and Children.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

In 1983, Congress designated the month of August as *National Child Support Enforcement Month* and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of that month. President Ronald Reagan issued the first proclamation on August 5, 1983. As the County of Santa Barbara has historically proven to be a staunch advocate for programs that serve to benefit children and families in general and the child support program in particular, it is requested that the Board continue this support through the adoption of this resolution.

Mandates and Service Levels:

None

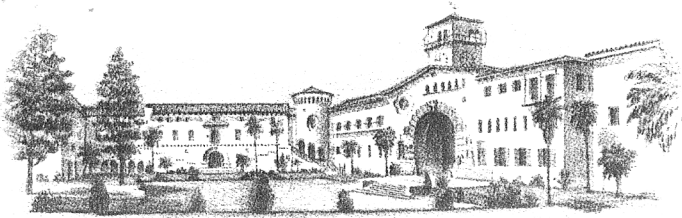
Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

None

Concurrence:



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AUGUST 2002
AS "CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH"
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, children are our most precious resource and need the support and nurturing of their families to become healthy, productive, and well-adjusted adults; and,

WHEREAS, encouraging both parents to participate in the emotional and financial support of their children significantly benefits the entire community by enhancing the parent-child relationship; and,

WHEREAS, although many concerned parents living away from their children willingly provide them with emotional and financial support, California and Santa Barbara County must continue to encourage even more parents to assume and embrace their parental responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, those parents who continuously strive to meet their obligations and maintain an active role in all facets of their children's lives should be commended and recognized as stellar examples for those in similar situations; and,

WHEREAS, in the last year Santa Barbara County Department of Child Support Services collected over \$27 million in support; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Child Support Services is dedicated to providing the citizens of Santa Barbara County with the tools and resources necessary to ensure that as many children as possible receive the financial support they so desperately need; and,

WHEREAS, California and Santa Barbara County are committed to increasing the efficiency of the Child Support program by exploring innovative techniques, maximizing public awareness, and responding accordingly to the needs of those we serve; and,

WHEREAS, despite all of these efforts, too many children still do not receive the financial, emotional, and physical support of one or both parents; and,

WHEREAS, the issue of child support impacts children in need, parents, and taxpayers in general, and is therefore of significant importance for the well-being of all citizens of Santa Barbara County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims August 2002 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 6th day of August 2002, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor ~ 1st District

Supervisor ~ 2nd District

Supervisor ~ 3rd District

Supervisor ~ 4th District

Supervisor ~ 5th District