

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
AUGUST 2022 AS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, August is Child Support Awareness Month, recognized in California and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with 46 county and regional child support offices, Santa Barbara County Child Support Services recognizes that families come in all shapes and sizes and that one size does not fit all when it comes to the service and care required; and

WHEREAS, the services available through California's child support program are as diverse as the people who use them and California Child Support Services and local child support offices across the state take care to reflect the needs of each parent and make the process adaptable and collaborative; and

WHEREAS, Child Support Services has updated its programs for Californians paying and receiving child support, including the newly revised Debt Reduction Program, which is now based on the ability to pay rather than on a flat percentage so that more parents in arrears can achieve relief from state-owned debt; and

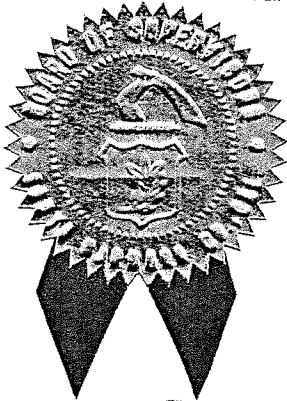
WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Department of Child Support Services served nearly 11,000 child support cases in 2021, collecting and distributing \$30.8 million in support to families and children; and

WHEREAS, in the month of August, in partnership with the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County, the Legal Resource Center and the Office of the Family Law Facilitator, Santa Barbara County Child Support Services is hosting a virtual workshop to educate customers on the legal resources available to them and is providing training on child support services to Domestic Violence Solutions and the Public Health Nutrition Program staff; and

WHEREAS, Child Support Awareness Month underscores the critical importance of providing parents, each of whom has a unique story, with the vital resources they need.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors proclaims August 2022 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 16th day of August 2022, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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