RESOLUTION NO. 21-158

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AUGUST 2021 AS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Child Support Awareness Month underscores the critical importance of supporting families and connecting them with the vital resources they need to get by, especially amid the unprecedented pandemic challenges faced over the past year; and

WHEREAS, research conducted statewide reveals that many California parents are unaware of the programs available for their benefit through Child Support Services and thus, parents are encouraged to get the facts as services are more flexible and responsive to the needs of modern families than ever before; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Department of Child Support Services served over 11,000 child support cases in 2020, collecting and distributing nearly \$32.5 million in support to families and children; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County Department of Child Support Services is available virtually and in person to assist single parents and their families with improved services that expand eligibility and access for those in need; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of August, the Department is conducting virtual informational sessions in both English and Spanish about child support services, child support debt reduction and order modifications; and

WHEREAS, Child Support Awareness Month serves as a reminder that a single parent does not mean alone. Both parents and child support professionals are working together to ensure a bright future for California's children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors proclaims August 2021 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 24th day of August 2021, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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