THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Child Support Services

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-4

AGENDA DATE: July 12, 2016

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim August 2016 as Child Support Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2016-355

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa	, Seconded by Supervisor <u>O'Brien</u>
and approved by the following vote,	
Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, N	Nithrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith
Noes: Supervisors: No	one
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: No	ne
Abstaining: Supervisor:No	one
1) X Approved as recommend	ed
2) Denied	
3) Approved as amended	
4) Other:	
MOTION:	

ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: July 12, 2016

CEO CONCURRENCE: $\mathcal{P}^{\mathcal{W}}$

4/5 Vote Required: Yes ○ No ☉

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim August 2016 as Child Support Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim August 2016 as Child Support Awareness Month in Stanislaus County.

DISCUSSION:

On August 5, 1995 President Bill Clinton proclaimed August as "Child Support Awareness Month" calling attention to the special role that child support and the Child Support Services (CSS) Program, play in supporting the economic security, health and social well-being of children throughout the United States.

The Stanislaus County Department of Child Support Services (SCDCSS) has a case load of 28,749 cases impacting the lives of 28,144 minor children by providing services to ensure they receive consistent and reliable child support payments. SCDCSS is a cost effective program that collects \$3.63 for every dollar spent and in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015, the SCDCSS collected a total of \$49,428,762 of child support for families in Stanislaus County.

The 2016 National Child Support Awareness theme is "Your Support Shapes Their Future". This theme showcases the commitment of each Child Support Program to help noncustodial parents overcome employment and other barriers to provide the financial and emotional support children need to grow, thrive and prosper.

POLICY ISSUE:

The President of the United States has historically proclaimed August as Child Support Awareness Month.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

The recommended action is consistent with the Board of Supervisor's priorities of a Healthy Community for the children on impacted cases, building Effective Partnerships by supporting collaboration between departments and organizations to increase and improve child support payments to families within Stanislaus County. Approval to Proclaim August 2016 as Child Support Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

STAFFING IMPACT:

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There is no staffing impact with this request.

CONTACT PERSON:

Baljit Atwal, Assistant Director (209) 558-1414

ATTACHMENT(S):

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 2016-355

Date: July 12, 2016

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and approved by the following vol	e,
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Noes: Supervisors:	None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors:	None
Abstaining: Supervisor:	None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

Item # *A-4

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING AUGUST 2016 AS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Child Support Awareness Month celebrates the important emotional and financial parental support that can create a brighter future for our children, helping them to become healthy, productive, and well-adjusted adults; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County's Child Support Program provides important services to parents and guardians which encourage positive influences in the lives of their children, assisting to improve the economic lives of those who live and work in California; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County's Child Support Program actively seeks to provide Family-Centered Services through partnerships with other State and County agencies, increasing the reliability of child support payments to families; and,

WHEREAS, 28,144 minor children in Stanislaus County benefited last year from over \$49.4 million in child support collected and paternity was established for 4,230 children through the efforts of 147 committed Stanislaus County Child Support Professionals; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County Child Support Services collected \$3.63 for every dollar spent on the program, ranking the County thirteenth (13th) overall in the State; and

WHEREAS, statewide approximately 8,000 California Child Support Professionals are steadfastly committed to improving the quality of life for 1.3 million California children and their families through timely, accurate, and responsive child support services, which in State Fiscal Year 2014-2015 collected over \$2.3 billion; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County Department of Child Support Services continues as one of eight child support agencies nationwide to participate in a national demonstration grant designed to give child support programs the ability to help noncustodial parents overcome employment barriers and

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strengthen relationships with their children so they can pay their child support consistently. The Department's Pathway to Self Sufficiency grant program currently assists 627 parents learn new life skills to help them meet their child support obligations; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of Child Support Awareness Month, Stanislaus County Department of Child Support Services and the State Department of Child Support Services calls upon all communities and leaders to promote the "Your Support Shapes Their Future" campaign encouraging parents to play an active role in shaping their children's futures,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim August 2016 as Child Support Awareness Month in Stanislaus County and commends this observance to all our residents.

ATTEST: ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, State of California