

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

DEPT: Child Support Services

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-5

AGENDA DATE: July 11, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim August 2017 as Child Support Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-373

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Olsen
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE: July 11, 2017

CEO CONCURRENCE: 

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim August 2017 as Child Support Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim August 2017 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 caseload of 28,249 cases impacting the lives of 27,307 minor children by providing services to ensure they receive consistent and reliable child support payments. SCDCSS is a cost effective program that collects \$3.59 for every dollar spent and in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016, the SCDCSS collected a record total of \$51,558,831 of child support for families in Stanislaus County.

The 2017 National Child Support Awareness theme is "Give Them Something Great to Imitate". This theme connects the wide range of services and assistance offered by the Child Support Program to help both fathers and mothers make consistent and reliable child support payments to improve a child's way of life and set positive examples for future generations.

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 in Stanislaus County.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact with this request.

CONTACT PERSON:

Baljit Atwal, Director (209) 558-1414

ATTACHMENT(S):

Proclamation

PROCLAIMING AUGUST 2017 AS
CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH IN STANISLAUS COUNTY

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, 27,307 minor children in Stanislaus County benefited last year from over \$51 million in child support collected and paternity was established for 4,320 children through the efforts of 141 committed Stanislaus County Child Support Professionals; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County Child Support Services collected \$3.59 for every dollar spent on the program, ranking the County fourteenth (14th) overall in the State; and,

WHEREAS, statewide approximately 7,600 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 2015-2016 collected over \$2.4 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 strengthen relationships with their children so they can pay their child support consistently. The Department's Pathways to Self Sufficiency grant program currently assists 664 parents learn new life skills to help them meet their child support obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim August 2017 as Child Support Awareness Month in Stanislaus County and commends this observance to all our residents.