

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

DEPT: Child Support Services

BOARD AGENDA: 6.A.4  
AGENDA DATE: July 31, 2018

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Proclaim August 2018 as Child Support Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0380**

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

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

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:

  
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ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: YES

4/5 Vote Required: No

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**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Proclaim August 2018 as Child Support Awareness Month in Stanislaus County

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Proclaim August 2018 as Child Support Awareness Month in Stanislaus County.

**DISCUSSION:**

August is Child Support Awareness Month which calls 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 27,545 cases impacting the lives of 26,402 minor children by providing services to ensure they receive consistent and reliable child support payments. SCDCSS is a cost-effective program that collects \$3.80 for every dollar spent and in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017, the SCDCSS collected a record total of \$52,665,449 of child support for families in Stanislaus County.

The 2018 National Child Support Awareness theme is “They don’t need perfect - they just need you”. Many parents can be overwhelmed by the complexities of raising a child, striving hard to be the “perfect” parent. This message emphasizes the importance of positive involvement by both parents in the lives of their children, and reminds all parents that Child Support Services is there to assist them in reducing the stress of the child support process.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

The Governor of the State of California and the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors have 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 Boards' priorities of *Supporting Community Health* for the children on impacted cases and *Delivering Efficient Public Services and Community Infrastructure* 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):**

1. Proclamation

PROCLAIMING AUGUST 2018 AS  
CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH IN STANISLAUS COUNTY

WHEREAS, Child Support Awareness Month celebrates the important emotional and financial parental support that creates 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, Stanislaus County collected over \$52 million in child support for families in its caseload last year and established paternity for 4,087 children through the efforts of 139 committed Stanislaus County Child Support Professionals; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County Child Support Services collected \$3.80 for every dollar spent on the program.

WHEREAS, statewide approximately 7,300 California Child Support Professionals are steadfastly committed to improving the quality of life for 1.2 million California children and their families through timely, accurate, and responsive child support services, which in State Fiscal Year 2017 collected over \$2.4 billion; and,

WHEREAS, Stanislaus County Department of Child Support Services is committed to bringing the community together in a positive way for families. The Department helps customers overcome barriers that prevent them from paying consistent support to their children by providing the necessary referrals and county resources. These resources can help customers become more self-sufficient, strengthen relationships between parent and child, and assist with financial stability for the children. The concentrated focus this year has been on improving customer engagement through behavioral intervention and various forms of communication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim August 2018 as Child Support Awareness Month in Stanislaus County and commends this observance to all our residents.