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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Natasha Merkuloff Nichols - Director
Child Support Services
REPORT BY: Karina Castaneda, Child Support Program Manager, 259-8289
SUBJECT: Proclamation declaring August, 2005 to be "Child Support Awareness Month"

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a proclamation declaring August, 2005 as "Child Support Awareness Month" in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Board is requested to present a proclamation regarding Child Support Awareness Month in Napa County. The purpose is increase awareness and recognize the importance of adequate financial support for children. Natasha Merkuloff, Director, will accept the proclamation on behalf of all staff of the department.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The proclamation recognizes children are entitled to financial support from both parents, and that children who receive such support are more likely to become productive citizens. The goal of Child Support Awareness Month is to enhance public awareness of the importance of parents supporting their children, and to highlight the role of

Napa County's Child Support Program which serves an estimated 7,500 children nationwide. Over nine million dollars of child support monies were distributed in fiscal year 2004-2005. The Board has previously proclaimed August to be "Child Support Awareness Month" in 2003 and 2004.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi