



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Child Support Enforcement Program puts children first by encouraging both parents to assume responsibility for improving the economic and social well-being, health, and stability of their children; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Child Support Services Division provides assistance with the often-complicated process of establishing parentage, establishing medical and financial support orders, collecting payments, modifying and enforcing court orders; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico salutes those parents who support their children and encourages those who have difficulty meeting, or are failing to meet their child support obligations to reach out for assistance for job development and job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the employability of all New Mexicans is paramount to ensuring that parents have the adequate resources and opportunities needed for sustainable economic stability to provide for their children and their families; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's Child Support staff are dedicated advocates for improving the lives of children and families through employer engagement and constituent outreach; and,

WHEREAS, ensuring that children receive the financial and medical support they deserve involves working partnerships between city, county, state and federal agencies, parents, legislators, judges, healthcare professionals, advocacy groups, employers, and many others; and

WHEREAS, through these partnerships, New Mexico collected \$121.1 million in child support during State Fiscal Year 2023, the majority of which, 64 percent, is collected through wage withholdings from employed parents; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for all New Mexicans to work together to foster a better understanding of the importance of fulfilling financial responsibilities to our children.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim August 2023 as:

"Child Support Awareness Month"

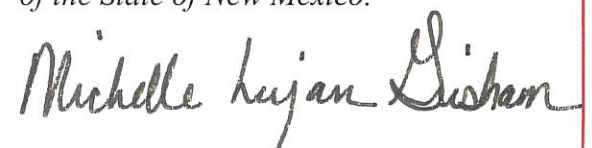
throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:


Maggie Loulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
21st day of July 2023.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.


Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

