

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 through Paternity Establishment, Support Establishment, and Support Enforcement; 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; 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 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 \$137.5 million in child support during State Fiscal Year 2019, providing child support services for more than 105,0000 children in more than 69,000 cases; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim August 2019 as;

"Child Support Awareness Month"

throughout the State of New Mexico.

Attest:

Mazzie Soulouse Ole Maggie Toulouse Oliver Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this 30th day of July, 2019.

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham

Governor