

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

PROCLAMATION

in honor of the

CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, August is Child Support Awareness Month, an annual time to raise awareness about a critical income support program that helps millions of children and families; and

Whereas, many families rely on the support provided through child support services to meet basic needs, and support payments pave the way to stronger parent-child relationships, improved educational attainment for children, and reduced reliance on public assistance programs, and

Whereas, In FY 2025, Child Support programs nationwide collected \$29.5 billion and served 1 in 6 children in the United States; and

Whereas, Child Support is recognized nationwide as one of the most cost-effective government programs, collecting over \$4.00 for every \$1 spent; and

Whereas, the Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) is rated as one of the most effective anti-poverty programs, reducing child poverty by 7% nationwide; and

Whereas, our local Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency is dedicated to promoting the well-being of children and families by ensuring that children receive the financial support they need from their parents; and

Whereas, in FY 2025, our local Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency performed 77 genetic tests to help establish paternity, free of charge to assist families, and

Whereas, in FY 2025, our local Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency distributed \$10,238,121 directly to families in Humboldt and Trinity Counties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, That the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors proclaims August 2026 as CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH and commends the team of Humboldt-Trinity Child Support Agency for their commitment to serving the families in our community.



August 18, 2026

Mike Wilson, Chair