PROCLAMATION

Of

CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Child Support Awareness Month celebrates the important emotional and financial support that can create a brighter future for our children, helping them to become healthy, productive, and well-adjusted adults; and,



WHEREAS, Merced County's Child Support Program provides important services to parents and guardians who live and work in California which encourage family self-sufficiency, assist to reduce child poverty, and have a positive effect on children's educational achievements; and,

WHEREAS, Merced County's Child Support Program actively seeks to provide Family-Centered Services through partnerships with State, County and other local agencies, increasing the reliability of child support payments to families; and,

WHEREAS, Nearly 26,000 children and their families in Merced County benefited last year from over \$26.3 million dollars in child support collected and over 2,100 paternities established by 79 committed Merced County Child Support professionals; and,

WHEREAS, Merced County's Child Support Services collected \$3.01 for every dollar spent on the program; and,

WHEREAS, Statewide, approximately 7,240 local Child Support Professionals are steadfastly committed to improving the quality of life for 1.4 million California children and families through timely, accurate, and responsive child support services, which collected over \$2.3 billion dollars last year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE, the Merced County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim August 2013 as "Child Support Awareness Month" in Merced County and commends this

observance to all our residents.

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