



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 \$147.5 million in child support during State Fiscal Year 2021, resulting in an average of \$135.79 collected per child per month to help kids be happy and healthy.*

***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 2021 as:*

## ***“Child Support Awareness Month”***

*throughout the state of New Mexico.*

*Attest:*

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Secretary of State

*Done at the Executive Office this  
19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.*

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

*Michelle Lujan Grisham*  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

