Resolution Proclaiming August 2014 as "Child Support Awareness Month" in Lassen County

"On the road of life, their future starts with you"

WHEREAS, Child Support Awareness Month celebrates the key role parental emotional and financial support play in the well-being of our community's children, our most precious resource, helping them grow up to do better in all areas of their lives.

WHEREAS, children do better when they are able to maintain meaningful relationships with both parents. Yet, many noncustodial parents are minimally engaged with their children. A 2013 U.S. Census Bureau study reported that nearly two-thirds of noncustodial parents have little or no contact with their children.

WHEREAS, to encourage parents to stay involved, the California Department of Child Support Services, in partnership with the 51 local child support agencies in counties throughout the state, is commemorating this year's Child Support Awareness Month by spreading its message: "On the road of life, their future starts with you."

WHEREAS, "Children with actively engaged, nurturing parents grow up to be better off socially, emotionally, academically and financially," said California Department of Child Support Services Director Alisha Griffin.

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WHEREAS, Children have a right to be supported by both parents for their financial, medical and emotional needs. The department's mission is to enhance the well-being of children and the self-sufficiency of families by providing child support services.

WHEREAS, "Children are our future," said Governor Brown, in a letter. "Supporting our state's children today will guarantee they have a rewarding and productive future."

WHEREAS, Last year, the California Department of Child Support Services and the local child support agencies collected and distributed more than \$2.3 billion in child support on behalf of approximately 1.4 million children and families that participate in the California Child Support Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lassen County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize the month of August 2014 as "Child Support Awareness Month" and commends the Lassen County Department of Child Support Services for its dedication to improving the lives of Lassen County children and parents by providing effective, efficient, and responsive child support services. Together, we are better.

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The foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, and State of California, held on the 12th of August 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

Supervisors Wosick, Pyle, Chapman, Albaugh and Hammond

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors County of Lassen, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JULIE BUSTAMANTE

Clerk of the Board

BY

SUSAN OSGOOD, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, SUSAN OSGOOD, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 12th day of August, 2014.

Deputy Clerk of the County of Lassen

Board of Supervisors