Mecklenburg County
North Carolina
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has operated a Child Support Enforcement Department since July 2010 when the staff and customers of the program were entrusted to the County by the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Former President Bill Clinton first proclaimed August as National Child Support Awareness Month in 1995 to demonstrate the importance of child support as a sustainable means of financial support and well-being for many of our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, children living in poverty are more vulnerable to environmental, educational, health, and safety risks, and are more likely to have cognitive, behavioral, and socio-emotional difficulties throughout their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, parents and/or caretakers, through a strong work ethic and personal responsibility, can provide a stable foundation for life to children who are dependent on them for their daily, financial, emotional and physical growth; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is committed to ensuring the safety, health and well-being of our children by supporting families through programs designed to help parents remain engaged in their children's lives; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County promotes a thriving, productive, proactive and engaging community by taking a collaborative and holistic approach to help families benefit from both co-parenting and community support; and

WHEREAS, in Mecklenburg County there are approximately **71,900 children and custodial parents** who receive more than **$50 million** in child support annually, through the efforts of this County's child support professionals, which provides food, housing, and clothing to these families; and

WHEREAS, collection of child support also contributes to the welfare of our local economy by avoiding Medicaid costs annually; and moving families into economic self-sufficiency by reducing dependence on other public assistance programs such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Food and Nutrition Services (FNS); and

WHEREAS, these local efforts are provided by 117 Mecklenburg County staff members who work diligently to uphold the County's customer service and accountability standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim August 2018 as

"CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH"

in Mecklenburg County
This 8th day of August 2018

Ella B. Scarborough

Ella B. Scarborough, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of
County Commissioners