



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Health Care Authority and the New Mexico Child Support Services Division puts children first by encouraging both parents to assume responsibility for improving the economic and social well-being, health, and stability of their children; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Child Support Services Division provides assistance with the often-complicated process of establishing parentage, establishing medical and financial support orders, collecting payments, modifying and enforcing court orders; 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 for job development and job opportunities; 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 and medical 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 \$119.1 million in child support during State Fiscal Year 2024, 98 percent of which went to families first rather than public assistance recoveries, and 65 percent collected through wage withholdings from employed parents.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim August 2024 as

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

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Maggie Toulouse Oliver in black ink.

Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2024.

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

Handwritten signature of Michelle Lujan Grisham in black ink.

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

