

**RESOLUTION**

**Proclaiming the month of August 2006 as Child Support Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County: “Kids Count...make sure they can count on you”.**

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**WHEREAS, financial support of a child counts a great deal in ensuring children grow up safe and healthy and keeping children and families out of poverty.**

**WHEREAS, ensuring that children receive the financial support they deserve involves working partnerships between county, state and federal agencies, parents, legislators, judges, healthcare professionals, advocacy groups, employers and many others.**

**WHEREAS, through these partnerships, Ohio collected over two billion dollars, leading the nation in dollars collected on current child support orders and ranking second in total collections distributed in 2005.**

**WHEREAS, through the leadership of the Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency, many children’s lives are brighter because of the following accomplishments in the past year:**

**Collecting \$239,860,103.00 in 2005, which was \$3.4 million more than 2004. This was the third consecutive year in which the Agency has outperformed the previous year in collections.**

**In 2005, exceeded the State Performance Goal for Paternity Establishment by 5.14% in reaching a 72.8% performance ratio and has already exceeded the Performance Goal for federal fiscal year 2006 by 1.45% by achieving a 75.25% performance ratio 3 months ahead of schedule.**

**Increased participation with community partners including the Fatherhood Initiative; and in partnership with Cleveland State University and Advanced Concepts, completed leadership training for over 125 staff members.**

**WHEREAS, with the recognition of the above successes comes the acknowledgment that our children’s lives count enough to pursue every possible effort to ensure that Ohio children receive the financial support they deserve.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, does hereby proclaim the month of August 2006 as Child Support Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County: “Kids Count...make sure they can count on you”.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Cassondra McArthur, Director, Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency.**

**On Motion of Commissioner Hagan, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: Hagan, Jones, Dimora.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Penelope M. Hughes,  
Clerk of the Board**

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