

**RESOLUTION**

**Proclaiming the month of August 2008 as Child Support Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County: “Parenting and Child Support Go Hand-in-Hand”.**

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**WHEREAS, parenting and child support go hand in hand in ensuring children grow up safe and healthy, and children and families stay 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 nearly two billion dollars, continuing to lead the nation in dollars collected on non-public assistance child support orders in 2007.**

**WHEREAS, through the leadership of Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency for the past twenty years, many children’s lives are brighter because of the following calendar year 2007 accomplishments:**

- Provided 6,850 children with legal fathers through paternity establishments.**
- Recovered \$9,038,811 in public assistance reimbursement for the State of Ohio taxpayers.**
- Collected a record breaking \$241,554,881 for families in 2007 and over \$3.3 billion since the agency began in 1988.**

**AND WHEREAS, with the recognition of the above successes comes the acknowledgement 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 County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby designates in conjunction with the State of Ohio, the month of August 2008 as Child Support Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County: “Parenting and Child Support Go Hand-in-Hand”.**

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

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

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

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,  
Clerk of the Board**

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