



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the children of today represent the greatest hope and promise for our future, New York State is steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the safety, health and well-being of our children; and

Whereas, parents have the most distinctly and directly critical role in the development of their child, and it is therefore the duty of both parents to provide a safe, happy, loving and secure environment in which their children can grow and thrive; and

Whereas, it is the obligation of both parents to personally ensure, through financial and emotional support, that their children have the opportunity to reach their full potential as successful and productive citizens; and

Whereas, in these difficult economic times, New York State's Child Support Enforcement Program plays a pivotal role in a single parent's ability to achieve and maintain economic security; and

Whereas, child support professionals in New York State diligently serve more than one million children through the establishment of paternity and the collection of support, and these dedicated professionals help to create a secure environment and future for children across the State as well as help educate parents about the need to support their children through cooperation with other states, counties and communities; and

Whereas, we recognize the majority of parents in New York State who provide a stable, strong and positive home environment for their children, and hold them up as examples of good parenting who acknowledge and live up to their responsibilities by providing for their children's well-being – emotionally, financially, and in other immeasurable and often indiscernible ways;

Now, Therefore, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim August 2010 as

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT MONTH

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capital in the City of Albany this twenty-fifth
day of July in the year two thousand ten.

David A. Paterson

Governor

Laurence Schwartz

Secretary to the Governor