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Child Support Awareness Month

California's incredible diversity, including many varied family structures and backgrounds, is a point of pride and one of the state's greatest strengths. California Child Support Services works to connect families of all kinds with the vital resources they need to care for their children.

In recent years, the state has adapted to improve these services for individuals and families – from technological advances like virtual court hearings and online enrollments for services to new legislation putting the support of families front and center during difficult economic times. Each successful implementation and improvement in service delivery brings us closer to a California for all.

This year's Child Support Awareness Month, themed *Different Wants, Different Needs, One Shared Goal*, recognizes the importance of working with diverse co-parents to meet their individual needs and achieve the shared goal of seeing their children thrive. Child support professionals are dedicated to assisting parents and legal guardians in providing consistent support for their children and understand that one size does not fit all.

Co-parents navigating the child support system can enroll online or inquire at any of the 47 local agencies statewide for help with every phase of the process, including adapting support orders to changes in circumstances and in some cases, avoiding the court process entirely. During Child Support Awareness Month, I commend the hardworking public servants who support modern California families through their neutral, helpful and fair services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

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