



*Ted Strickland*  
*Governor of said State*  
*hereby officially recognizes*

## **CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH**

Parenting and child support go hand in hand in ensuring children grow up safe and healthy, and children and families stay out of poverty.

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.

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, providing child support services for more than 1.3 million children, and receiving \$28.9 million in federal performance incentives for meeting or exceeding established goals.

With the recognition of the above successes comes the acknowledgment that our children's lives count enough to make every possible effort to ensure the financial foundation is established for every child in Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TED STRICKLAND, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate **CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH AUGUST 2008** throughout the State of Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to work together to foster a better understanding of the importance of fulfilling financial responsibilities to our children.



ON THIS FIRST DAY OF AUGUST,  
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHT.

*Ted Strickland*

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Governor