



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, New York State is committed to ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of our children – our greatest hope and promise for the future; and

**Whereas**, parents have the most critical role in the development of their children, and an obligation to provide safe, loving, and secure environments in which their children can grow and flourish; and

**Whereas**, parents have an obligation to support their children financially and emotionally; and

**Whereas**, studies have shown that when both parents provide financial and emotional support, children are less likely to engage in unhealthy and unproductive behaviors and more likely to do well in school and succeed later in life; and

**Whereas**, the Child Support Enforcement Program and child support professionals throughout New York State continue to play a vital role in serving families, thereby helping parents to achieve and maintain economic security for their children; and

**Whereas**, we take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to enhancing the well-being of New York State's children and to encourage all New Yorkers to work together to create opportunities to support the healthy and positive development of our children;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim August 2017 as

## CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

in the Empire State.



**G i v e n** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this thirty-first day  
of July in the year two thousand seventeen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor