Office of the Mayor
Town of Gilbert

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Town of Gilbert promotes a thinking, productive, proactive and engaging community by taking a collaborative and holistic approach to help families benefit from co-parenting and community support; and

WHEREAS, providing financial support represents a part of parental responsibility and consistent financial support minimizes conflict between parents, and increases the likelihood of children reaching their full potential; and

WHEREAS, parents spending quality time with their children and focusing on healthy, positive, and nurturing interactions and experiences helps forma a healthy bond and contributes to a stronger productive state; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gilbert promotes the regular payment of support in regards to children and families of all demographics with employers, workforce programs, parenting advocacy organizations, faith based and community groups, and independent child welfare organizations by taking a holistic approach to best meet economic and social needs; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gilbert collaborates with the Office of the Attorney General, federal and state agencies; tribal governments, County Attorney Offices, County Clerks of the Court, faith-based and community organizations, fatherhood groups, enforcement agencies, the business community and employers, and other interested parties in sustaining a stalwart community that assists parents in establishing a financial partnership to support their children, and

WHEREAS, with the focus of partnering being of great importance, the Department of Economic security is changing the name of the Division of Child Support Enforcement to the Division of Child Support Services, with the division taking steps to effectively educate and train all child support staff and partners to provide positive customer engagement and having available quality supportive services within the community to effectively aid parents as they work to meet the physical development, emotional growth, and economic stability of Arizona children.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John W. Lewis, Mayor of the Town of Gilbert, Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 2013 as

"CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH"

in Gilbert, Arizona.

In witness thereof, I hereby set my hand and affix the Official Seal of the Office of the Mayor, Town of Gilbert, Arizona, this 1st day of August 2013.

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John W. Lewis, Mayor