

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation is dedicated to honoring Cherokee families and believes that children are our most precious resource; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation believes that child support is a vital source of income and a resource for children who may be living in single-parent households; and

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation believes child support provides an essential bridge to selfsufficiency and financial security for children and their families by ensuring that children have a reliable source of support, allowing them to grow, learn, and achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, we know that children who receive financial, medical and emotional support from both parents are more likely to lead healthy and productive lives, do well in school and succeed later in life; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Cherokee Nation Office of Child Support Services is to partner with families and other programs to ensure the collaboration of services and resources are in place to build a stable environment for our children that will instill self-sufficiency and well-being; and

WHEREAS, our goal as a tribe is to strengthen Cherokee children, families and communities by ensuring a respectful, friendly environment where families can work together for the benefit of their children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Bill John Baker, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, declare it "Child Support Awareness Month" in the Cherokee Nation.

## "CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH"

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Cherokee Nation to be affixed.



Done at the Cherokee Nation, in the city of Tahlequah this 5th day of Augst in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

Bill John Baker Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation

S. Joe Crittenden

Deputy Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation

