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AUGUST 2010 PROCLAIMED AS “CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH” BY GOVERNOR

***Keeping Children And Families On The Road To Financial Self-Sufficiency,
California Department Of Child Support Services (DCSS) Celebrates Its 10th
Anniversary***

SACRAMENTO – Today, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed August 2010, Child Support Awareness Month, reminding parents that child support is crucial to the financial security and well-being of 1.8 million children and families statewide. The theme of this year’s Child Support Awareness Month is “**Child Support – A Chance for a Brighter Future.**”

2010 also marks the tenth anniversary of the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS), commemorating a decade of service to California’s children and families by securing the financial support children need to grow, learn and become successful adults. Over the last decade, the program has collected \$23 billion. In the last year, 2.3 billion was collected, 1.9 billion going directly to families.

“Being a parent is a commitment to a child,” stated Governor Schwarzenegger. “Our children need consistent support from both parents. One way both parents can have the opportunity to contribute to their kid’s success is through child support.”

“During Child Support Awareness Month we are taking the opportunity to reach out to parents who are having difficulty making child support payments,” added Jan C. Sturla, Director of the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS). “California’s child support program is an important resource for parents who pay and those who receive child support. We want parents to be successful in making consistent child support payments.”

For the month of August 2010, local child support agency offices throughout the state will be promoting the “**Get Back on the Road Again**” campaign. Qualifying individuals whose driver’s licenses have been suspended for nonpayment of child support will be able to have their driving privileges reinstated by making a child support payment at their local child support agency office. Getting individuals back on track by paying child support consistently is the focus of the “Get Back on the Road Again” campaign.

To see if they qualify to “Get Back on the Road Again,” individuals are encouraged to contact their local child support office at (866) 901-3212 (toll free) or on the web at www.childsup.ca.gov. Program information will also be posted statewide at the 168 California Department of Motor Vehicles field offices.

Child support program services are delivered through a network of county and regional child support agencies that offer a wide range of services to parents, including providing assistance in locating a parent; establishing paternity; establishing, modifying and enforcing a court order for child support; and establishing, modifying and enforcing an order for health coverage. For more information or to view DCSS’ strategic plan, log on to www.childsup.ca.gov

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