



CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, children are critical to the future success, prosperity, and quality of life of our City; and

WHEREAS, September is National Child Awareness Month- a time to focus the attention of our nation on the most critical issues facing children today; and

WHEREAS, National Child Awareness Month began as a local effort in Orange County, California, by Festival of Children Foundation Founder Sandy Segerstrom Daniels; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the United States Senate passed U.S. Senate Resolution 644 designating National Child Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals and youth-serving organizations work directly with children and youth daily to provide invaluable services that have a direct and lasting effect on their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Festival of Children recognizes the critical contributions of all the charities and nonprofit organizations that provide access to healthcare, social services, education, the arts, sports, and other services that benefit millions of children across California and nationwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John B. Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as **National Child Awareness Month** and encourage Costa Mesa residents to honor and support children's charities and nonprofit organizations that are committed to enriching and enhancing the lives of our youth and children.

Dated this 6th day of September 2022.

John B. Stephens, Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa