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Joint Board Matter with All Board Members

Request to Designate June 2025 as Fatherhood Awareness Month

Members of the Board,

This year, Father's Day falls on Sunday, June 15. Although celebrated annually, this holiday is often a missed opportunity to emphasize and underscore the chance to highlight the significant role of biological fathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers, or father figures in nurturing the well-being and success of children. A father's influence continues to be important throughout the child's lifetime.

Fairfax County's private and public sectors are joining together to raise public awareness of the importance of fatherhood and the impact of a father's engagement with his children and family. It is important to celebrate the supportive roles that fathers have for their children.

Programs such as Healthy Families Fairfax, the Head Start Policy Council, the Fairfax County Department of Family Services Father Engagement and Family Engagement Program (in collaboration with the Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services, and other County Human Services and community-based agencies) help fathers gain parenting skills and economic self-sufficiency.

Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors designate June 2025 as Fatherhood Awareness Month in Fairfax County and ask that the Office of Public Affairs prepare a proclamation to be presented inside the Board room at the June 24th Board meeting.