

PROCLAMATION

12-05

Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month
Child Abuse Awareness Blue Day

Issued by the Board of Franklin County Commissioners

WHEREAS, the County of Franklin County Kansas recognizes that children are the key to the county's future, success, prosperity and quality of life and while children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, children have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Kansas' families. Unfortunately, there are many children in Franklin County who suffer from some form of abuse or neglect each year; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteers represent for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are involved in the courts under no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, we must come together as partners so that the voices of the children in our community are heard and that we as a community extend a helping hand to children and families in need.

WHEREAS, through a national effort, members of the Franklin County community are encouraged to join together in the month of April to raise awareness for these children who are victims of abuse and neglect; and

Specifically, April 24th shall be recognized as "I am for the Child Day" in our community, where individuals may give support to the aforementioned children by dressing in the signature color blue in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month; and

By promoting a safe and nurturing environment for children, we help to ensure that the children of Franklin County will grow to their full potential and help secure the future of our county, state, and nation.

NOW, the Board of Franklin County Commissioners, of Franklin County on behalf of its citizens, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH
and APRIL 24th AS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS BLUE DAY**

THEREFORE, in support of CASA of the Fourth Judicial District, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners urges all citizens of Franklin County to join in a national effort to raise awareness and help prevent child abuse and neglect.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2012

/s/ David J Hood
David J. Hood, Chairman

Attested and Recorded, this 18th day of April, 2012

/s/ Shari Perry
Shari Perry, County Clerk