



Franklin County Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a nurturing environment, free from abuse, neglect, violence or endangerment of any kind; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect causes serious harm to child development and has lifelong effects that endanger safety, hinder permanency in relationships, and reduce well-being, creating greater demands on society; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a shared responsibility and finding solutions requires the involvement and collaboration of citizens, organizations, and government entities throughout Illinois and the country; and,

WHEREAS, Illinoisans make more than 230,000 calls to the Illinois Child Abuse Hotline each year, offer temporary safe haven for more than 18,000 children as foster families, including 143 children in Franklin County, and have provided permanent, loving homes for more than 19,000 children through adoption over the last decade; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention programs in Illinois are effective because partnerships created by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, Children's Home + Aid Society of Illinois, Children's Advocacy Centers of Illinois, Voices for Illinois Children and other government entities, social services agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, businesses and individual citizens,

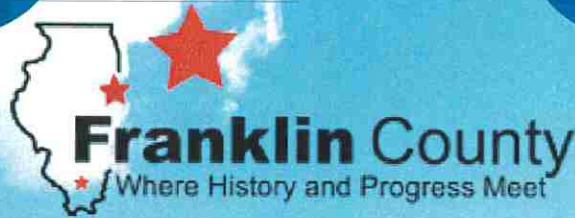
THEREFORE, _____, _____ of Franklin County, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Franklin County, on this date, _____, APRIL 9, 2025, and encourage all citizens to respond to the call of "How will you help?" by supporting child abuse prevention programs and reporting suspected cases of abuse to the Illinois Child Abuse Hotline at (800) 25-ABUSE.



Reader of Proclamation

APRIL 9, 2025

Date



You're invited!

Franklin County Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Reading

Please join us as Franklin County declares
April as Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Wednesday, April 9th

5:30pm-7:00pm

Franklin County Courthouse

100 Public Square,

Benton, IL 62812

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