

PROCLAMATION

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

AND APRIL 5TH IS CASA CHILD ADVOCACY DAY 2019

WHEREAS, we all have a responsibility as individuals, neighbors, community members and citizens of Cranbury Township to help create healthy, nurturing and safe experiences for children; and

WHEREAS, healthy and safe childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect often occur when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

WHEREAS, incidences of child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure all families have the support they need and deserve to raise their children in healthy environments; and

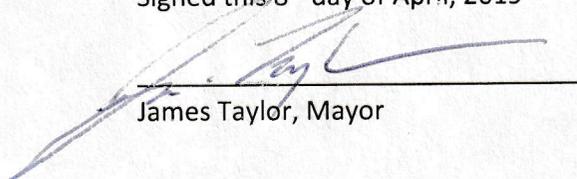
WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is authorized by State Statute and Federal law to help the Court and Child Welfare systems make "best interest" decisions on behalf of children removed from home because of abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteer advocates in Cranbury Township help to ensure that abused and neglected children who are placed in foster care and other out-of-home placements are safe and receive the services they need to achieve well-being; and

WHEREAS, CASA advocates reduce the number of moves between placements, help shorten the overall time a child remains in placement, and serve as a consistent person in the child's life until that child achieves permanency in a safe home with a loving family;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor James Taylor do hereby proclaim April 2019 as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Cranbury Township and April 5th as CASA Child Advocacy Day 2019; and urge all citizens to support the CASA network across New Jersey, as it strengthens families and helps children learn grow and thrive.

Signed this 8th day of April, 2019


James Taylor, Mayor