

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD PROCLAMATION

Family Court Awareness Month – November 2022

WHEREAS, the mission of the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness of the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children; and

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is fueled by the desire to create awareness and change in the family court system for the conservatively estimated 58,000 children a year ordered into unsupervised contact with abusive parents (Leadership Council on Child Abuse and Interpersonal Violence), while honoring the hundreds of children who have been reported as murdered during visitation with a dangerous parent; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the FCAMC is to increase awareness on the importance of empirically-based education and training on domestic violence and child abuse, including emotional, psychological, physical, and sexual abuse, as well as childhood trauma, coercive control, and post separation abuse for judges and all professionals working on cases within the family court system; and

WHEREAS, the mission of FCAMC is to increase awareness of the importance of using scientifically valid, evidence-based treatment programs and services in terms of safety, effectiveness, and therapeutic value; and

WHEREAS, the mission at FCAMC is to educate judges and other family court professionals on evidence-based, peer-reviewed research. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Waterford Township Board of Trustees hereby declares the month of November to be Family Court Awareness Month and we encourage all residents to support efforts to prevent the harm of children in the hands of family members, and to honor and value the lives of children.

I hereby certify that this Proclamation was made by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on October 24, 2022.

Charter Township of Waterford

Date

Kim Markee, Township Clerk