

*Presented to*  
**Franklin County Children Services**  
*In Recognition of*  
**April 2014 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

WHEREAS, Central Ohio's children are our hope for the future of Franklin County, and as a community entrusted with the responsibility of caring for them, we must continue our work every day and in every sector to ensure all children have the ability to live free from abuse and neglect by advocating for the safety of all young people; and,

WHEREAS, although a strong family unit is the best deterrent to child abuse, effectively intervening in the lives of children threatened by abuse is a shared responsibility, from local social service agencies and schools, to neighbors and community leaders, working together to protect the well being of our children by recognizing the signs of violence and creating safe, stable, and nurturing environments; and,

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time when Franklin County Children Services - which receives thousands of reports of child abuse each year and served more than 30,000 children and their families in 2013- educates the community about the issue of child abuse by hosting a community breakfast; and,

WHEREAS, Franklin County Children Services has partnered with Ohio Children's Trust Fund to promote the Pinwheels for Prevention by displaying blue pinwheels throughout the community and drawing attention to both the harsh realities of child abuse and the hope of changing the lives of children for the better; and,

WHEREAS, this partnership will stress that prevention depends on finding solutions to the underlying problems that cause child abuse, and with the help of local and statewide agencies and organizations, we can prevent child abuse through education, information, help for parents under stress, and successful intervention programs; and,

WHEREAS, working together, committed to helping future generations succeed, the entire Franklin County community can ensure that every child grows up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment, free from abuse and neglect; now, therefore, upon motion of Commissioner Brooks, seconded by Commissioner O'Grady;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

To extend, on behalf of all the people of Franklin County, a sincere thanks to Franklin County Children Services for raising awareness about child abuse in Franklin County.

Voting Aye thereon:

  
Marilyn Brown, President

  
Paula Brooks

  
John O'Grady

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

ADOPTED April 8, 2014