

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING
APRIL 2013 AS
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the maltreatment, abuse and neglect of children is a significant social problem that damages children physically, mentally and emotionally and inflicts immeasurable harm on society as a whole and all children deserve to be nurtured, protected and free from physical or emotional harm; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey and Department of Children and Families believe that strong, healthy families are the best place to raise children; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington, County of Warren is committed to building a continuum of community-based child abuse prevention and intervention programs that are culturally competent, strength-based and family-centered and that achieve positive outcomes for parenting and family relationships as well as the empowerment of domestic violence victims and their children, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families embraces the Standards for Prevention Programs developed by the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect; and

WHEREAS, all sectors of the community, including law enforcement, medical professionals, schools, courts and media outlets, as well as numerous public and private agencies, have joined forces to promote public awareness and community involvement in strengthening families during the month of April and continuing throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Robert Klingel, Mayor of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, to hereby proclaim April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in the Township and urge our residents to become involved in efforts aimed at strengthening families and communities and preventing our children from being abused and neglected.


Robert Klingel, Mayor