



TOWN OF CAMP VERDE  
PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING APRIL, 2014  
"Go Blue for CASA®" Month

**WHEREAS**, the National CASA® (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Association is a network of 955 programs that are recruiting, training, and supporting volunteers to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in the courtroom and other settings; and

**WHEREAS**, CASA® volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children, to make sure they don't get lost in the overburdened legal and social systems or languish in inappropriate group or foster homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Verde Valley CASA® Children's Foundation, a member of the National CASA® Association, a nonprofit 501©(3), was created in 2006 to provide financial assistance for the unmet needs of the children of our greater Verde Valley who are wards of the Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mission Statement of the Verde Valley CASA® Children's Foundation reads: "To enhance the quality of life for dependent children under Court supervision in the Greater Verde Valley"; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time there are approximately 100 children in the Greater Verde Valley that have been removed from their homes and are currently wards of the Court; and

**WHEREAS**, independent research has demonstrated that children with a CASA® volunteer are substantially less likely to spend time in long-term foster care and less likely to reenter care; and

**WHEREAS**, the color blue is the national color representing abused and/or neglected children; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of April has been declared "Go Blue for CASA® Month" in the Greater Verde Valley and National Child Abuse Awareness Month,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde do hereby proclaim April, 2014 as "Go Blue for CASA®" Month in the Town of Camp Verde.

Issued this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2014

Charles German, Mayor

Attest:

Deborah Barber, MMC Town Clerk



VERDE VALLEY CASA® CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 2523  
Cottonwood, AZ 86326

February 10, 2014

Mayor Charles German  
Town of Camp Verde  
473 S. Main Street  
Camp Verde, AZ 86322

RE: Nation Child Abuse Prevention Month

Dear Mayor,

As indicated in the attached Proclamation, our mission is to financially support children who are wards of the court, in the greater Verde Valley. These children need more than the clothes on their back and they require more help than clothing. We receive requests from both their case worker or from their Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer. These requests may include funds for clothing, school supplies, tutoring, or whatever the child needs.

April has been designed "Go Blue for CASA® Month". This campaign is our only major fundraiser. We ask organizations and businesses to display a flyer that asks for support, with a donation, and by wearing the "Go Blue for CASA®" bracelet provided or by signing a child "hand" cutout for display during the month of April.

Your help, by signing this Proclamation, informs the citizens of this worthy cause and heightens the public awareness of the plight of these unfortunate children.

Thanks you for your attention and support.

Sincerely,

  
Karin Krippene  
Treasurer

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