



**TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
PROCLAMATION
DECLARING APRIL, 2013
"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, 2013 as "Go Blue for CASA®" Month in the Town of Camp Verde.

Issued this 6th Day of March 2013

Bob Burnside, Mayor

Attest:

Deborah Barber, MMC Town Clerk

