

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA
DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2022 AS
“FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH”
IN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness on 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, 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 Wellington Community Foundation will be holding its 7th annual Red, White & Blue Jeans “Salute to Our Heroes” event on Friday, November 11, 2022; and

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

WHEREAS, the mission at the 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. This research includes The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Study (co-principal investigator: Vincent Felitti, Kaiser Permanente-CDC); Child Custody Evaluators’ Beliefs About Domestic Abuse Allegations (principal investigator: Daniel Saunders, University of Michigan, sponsored by the National Institute of Justice); and Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Parental Alienation and Abuse Allegations (principal investigator: Joan S. Meier, GW Law School, sponsored by the National Institute of Justice),

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Council of Wellington, Florida does hereby declare the Month of November 2022 as “**Family Court Awareness Month.**” in the Village of Wellington and urges all residents to join them in acknowledging this organization for its contributions and commitment to the community.*

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Wellington, Florida to be affixed this 9th day of November, 2022.

ATTEST:

WELLINGTON, FLORIDA

By: _____
Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk

By: _____
Anne Gerwig, Mayor