

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2018 - 231 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF PASSAIC COUNTY COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

WHEREAS, children are vital to our Township's future success, prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

WHEREAS, all members of our community have a role to play in strengthening families to ensure children grow up in a safe, nurturing environment free from fear, abuse, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing and healthy home and communities that foster their well-being; and

WHEREAS, there are almost 600 children in Passaic County who are living in foster care because of abuse and/or neglect; and

WHEREAS, some of those children reside in the Township; and

WHEREAS, for the last 10 years, Passaic County CASA for Children has provided court-appointed volunteer advocates for children throughout Passaic County, including in the Township, who have been removed from home due to abuse and/or neglect; and

WHEREAS, Passaic County CASA for Children cannot currently advocate for all the children who are eligible for an advocate due to a limited number of volunteers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of West Milford calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in their efforts to support children who have been abused and/or neglected and placed into foster care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Council supports Passaic County CASA's mission to provide every child in foster care with a compassionate, trained volunteer advocate to look out for a child's best interest.

Adopted: September 5, 2018

Adopted this 5th day of September, 2018
and certified as a true copy of an original.

Antoinette Battaglia, Township Clerk