



City of Franklin

A Proclamation in Honor and Recognition of National Safe Place Week

- Whereas:** March will be recognized as National Safe Place month and "National Safe Place Week" will be celebrated across the nation during the week of March 19th thru 25th, 2017; and
- Whereas:** All young people deserve to feel safe and protected in their communities and families to be assured that their children are safe; and
- Whereas:** Youth need a safe haven from negative influences such as bullying, child abuse, substance abuse, and crime, and they need to have resources readily available to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety; and
- Whereas:** The Safe Place program is committed to protecting Johnson County's most valuable asset, our youth, through the Safe Place 24hr Youth Help Line and by offering "safe places" at community locations where volunteers are available to provide a safe place to youth seeking assistance and guidance; and
- Whereas:** Safe Place is often the first step to immediate help and safety, businesses including churches, hospitals, schools, and community buildings such as fire stations, libraries, post offices, and law enforcement are designated as locations where youth can get help; and
- Whereas:** Youth Connections began providing Safe Place assistance in 1988; and
- Whereas:** Youth Connections operates 96 sites in Johnson County with 38 of those sites in Franklin providing Text for help services with the help of community partners and volunteers making their facilities available to all youth in crisis.

Now, Therefore: I, Steve D. Barnett, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Franklin, Johnson County, Indiana, now hereby proclaim and recognize **March 19-25, 2017 as National Safe Place Week** in the City of Franklin, Indiana;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my signature and caused the corporate seal of the municipality to be affixed, this 17th day of March 2017.

Steve D. Barnett
Mayor, City of Franklin