

A Proclamation

By

Joel S. McNeely, Mayor

Town of Chapmanville, West Virginia

Whereas, every child has a right to feel safe in a loving environment and a home free from danger; and

Whereas, the effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by entire communities and must be addressed; and

Whereas, in memory of the children who lost each year to death due to child abuse and neglect, automobile accidents, suicide, homicide, and preventable accidents, the Child Welfare League of America established the fourth Friday in April as *Children's Memorial Flag Day*; and

Whereas, the flag is brightly colored in red, white, and blue and depicts one child missing from a row of children holding hands; and

Whereas, the flag has become a recognizable symbol of the need to do a better job of protecting children; and

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

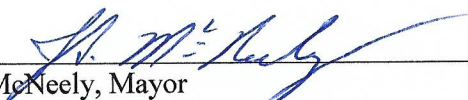
Whereas, citizens should become more aware of the effects of child abuse and its prevention and become involved in providing safe and nurturing environments for children.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Joel McNeely, Mayor of the Town of Chapmanville, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim Friday, the Twenty Fourth of **April, 2026** as:

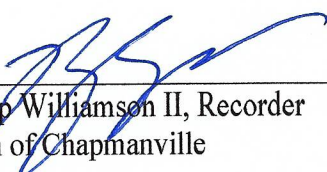
Children's Memorial Flag Day

in the Town of Chapmanville and encourage all citizens to join in observance.

DONE at the Chapmanville Town Hall this the Fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.


Joel McNeely, Mayor
Town of Chapmanville

By the Mayor:


Phillip Williamson II, Recorder
Town of Chapmanville

