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## **COMMISSIONERS WISH FRANKLIN COUNTY RESIDENTS A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY**

Thanksgiving is a time of joy and remembrance throughout the United States, and a uniquely American holiday. The Friday after Thanksgiving is also Native American Heritage Day and, for the first time ever, this year's Thanksgiving holiday coincides with the beginning of Hanukkah. Franklin County residents have a lot to celebrate.

Almost 400 years ago, the first American Thanksgiving was celebrated by Pilgrims and Native Americans to share the abundance of the harvest and give thanks for their good fortune, and the holiday season is also a traditional time of reflection, hope, and service to others. One of the best ways to give thanks is to give back, and it is in this spirit of sharing abundance and giving thanks, that the Franklin County Commissioners are sponsoring a donation drive to collect needed clothes and household items for local families in need this winter. Whether through that effort or within your own family's tradition of service, the Commissioners encourage everyone to spend time this season both in celebration and in service to our neighbors.

The Board of Commissioners wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

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