RESOLUTION 17 OF 2019

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

WHEREAS, Centre County government is the recipient of Federal funding and therefore required to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a federal law, codified at 29 U.S.C. § 794, that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in federally-assisted programs or activities.

WHEREAS, Centre County agrees to comply with the national law that protects qualified individuals from discrimination based on their disability and whereas Section 504 forbids organizations and employers from excluding or denying individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to receive program benefits and services; and

WHEREAS Section 504 establishes prohibitions against discrimination that apply to service availability, accessibility, delivery, employment, and the administrative activities and responsibilities of organizations receiving Federal financial assistance; and whereas a recipient of Federal financial assistance may not, on the basis of disability:

1. Deny qualified individuals the opportunity to participate in or benefit from federally funded programs, services, or other benefits.

2. Deny access to programs, services, benefits or opportunities to participate as a result of physical barriers

3. Deny employment opportunities, including hiring, promotion, training, and fringe benefits, for which they are otherwise entitled or qualified.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Centre County hereby agrees to promote the enforcement of the attached Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Centre County Risk Manager is hereby appointed as Section 504 Officer for the County, to which any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against or denied equal opportunity or access to programs and services may file a complaint. The appointment duration will last five years, from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2024.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Centre County Commissioners at its meeting held November 19, 2019.

CENFRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael Pipe, Chair

Mark Higgins, Commissioner

Steven G. Dershem, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray, Administrator