

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 7 OF 2017

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and each day of the year is an opportunity to create change for the future and calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community and;

WHEREAS, rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community, and statistics show one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives and;

WHEREAS, young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 were two and a half times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault and;

WHEREAS, on campus, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college;

WHEREAS, the Centre County Women's Resource Center offers programs to educate our community about sexual violence and provides services to support survivors and;

WHEREAS, every year, millions of people's lives are forever changed by crime and will have life-changing injuries or need ongoing care and support. They are our families, neighbors, friends, and colleagues and;

WHEREAS, let us honor Sexual Assault Awareness Month by "Engaging New Voices" and calling on new partners and community members to help expand sexual assault prevention efforts and ensure the next generation fosters attitudes that promote healthy relationships, equality, and respect.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in recognition of the work done by agencies and organizations that provide services to victims and honor survivors, the Centre County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2017** as "**Sexual Assault Awareness Month**" and urge all citizens to raise their voices and play a role in the elimination of violence in our community.

ADOPTED this 4th day of April 2017.



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