

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is one of the most wide-spread problems in our society which affects, women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic and economic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a deadly crime that creates a painful void – a permanent empty place at the table – for families whose loved ones were killed at the hands of abusers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centre County Women's Resource Center offers services to support survivors and programs to educate our community about domestic violence and has created an "Empty Place at the Table" exhibit. The exhibit will be displayed at the four YMCA branches during the month of October, the Super Fair of Centre County Resources on Oct 7th at the Nittany Mall, and at the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center from October 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 27<sup>th</sup> to honor and remember those in our community who were killed as a result of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, although great strides have been taken to educate people about domestic violence, an average of three women die each day in America; one in four women and one in thirteen men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** in recognition of the work done by the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims, the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of **October** as "**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**" and urge all citizens to play a role in the elimination of violence from our community.

**ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.



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