

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 1 OF 2021

WHEREAS, everyone remembers someone special – a neighbor, teacher, relative, or friend – who has broadened our horizons and brought purpose to our lives; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, Big Brothers Big Sisters has been helping change kids' perspectives and giving them the opportunity to reach their potential; and

WHEREAS, it all started in 1904, when New York City court clerk Ernest Coulter was seeing more and more boys come through his courtroom. He recognized that caring adults could help many of these kids stay out of trouble, and he set out to find volunteers. This marked the beginning of the Big Brothers movement; and

WHEREAS, at around the same time, members of the Ladies of Charity were befriending girls who had come through the New York Children's Court. That group would later become Catholic Big Sisters; and

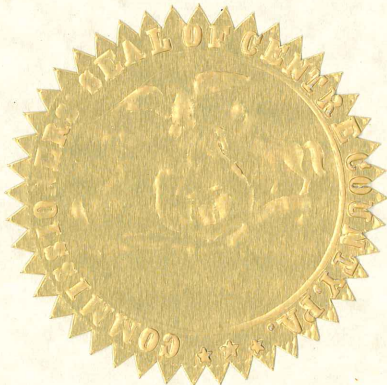
WHEREAS, in 1977, the Big Brothers Association and Big Sisters International joined forces and became Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, helping children realize their potential and build their futures; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 years later, Big Brothers Big Sisters remains true to their founders' vision of bringing caring role models into the lives of children. And, today, Big Brothers Big Sisters currently operates in all 50 states— and in 12 countries around the world.

WHEREAS, there are many children and youth in Centre County who are in need of friendship, adult support, and participation in experiences that will enrich their lives and promote their wellbeing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **January 2021** as **Mentoring Month** in Centre County and encourages all citizens to support mentoring and give young people in our community the gift of time and friendship through Big Brothers Big Sisters.

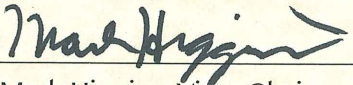
ADOPTED this 12th day of January 2021.




CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Michael Pipe, Chair

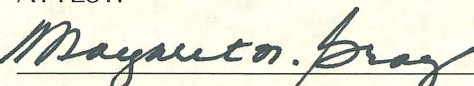


Mark Higgins, Vice-Chair



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