

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 19 OF 2021

WHEREAS, children are hospitalized everyday across the country. Hospitalizations can be frightening and disorienting for children of all ages and it is vital that family, friends, care providers, and community members provide mental and emotional support to children undergoing medical treatments; and

WHEREAS, simple acts of kindness can make meaningful impacts on the lives of those around us, and small moments of sharing, giving and caring demonstrate love and compassion to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Jared Box Project was inspired by a boy named Jared who – in the midst of battling his own cancer diagnosis – celebrated the joy and lightheartedness that comes from play and shared his humor, heart, happiness, and toys with other children in the treatment centers he visited; and

WHEREAS, the Jared Box Project encourages and furthers the spirit of generosity and kindness Jared optimized by organizing the purchase, packing and delivery of boxes of toys for children in hospitals across the country. Over 900,000 Jared Boxes have been made and given to children in over 400 hospitals across all 50 states; and

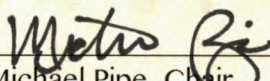
WHEREAS, Centre County is a place where kindness and gratitude to those who make up our community is part of who we are, and a day of recognition and encouragement of kindness and service celebrates the generosity and greatness of heart that is inherent in all of Centre County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in recognition of the contributions of the Jared Box Project to our County, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **May 22, 2021** as **Jared Box Day** in Centre County and encourages all citizens to become familiar with the mission of The Jared Box Project and to support and participate by making Jared Boxes to lift the spirits of children in the hospital.

ADOPTED this 20th day of May 2021.



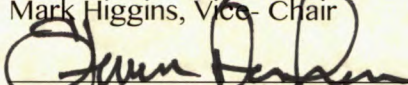
CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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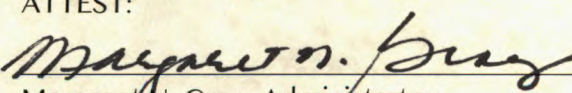


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