

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 25 OF 2021

WHEREAS, the month of September is Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month, when millions of people join their voices to share a message of hope and healing; and

WHEREAS, a leading cause of death in the United States, nearly five million people have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, in the state of Pennsylvania, one person dies by suicide every four hours, making it the second leading cause of death for ages 15-34 and the fourth leading cause of death for ages 35-54; and

WHEREAS, the prejudice and discrimination associated with mental health and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking lifesaving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

WHEREAS, every day in Centre County people enter treatment into behavioral health services and community supports and begin the road to wellness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, resiliency begins early in life within families, day cares, and schools, and can be strengthened and reinforced throughout the life span; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of preventing and overcoming mental health challenges, suicide attempts and loss are significant and valuable to individuals, families, and our community at large; and

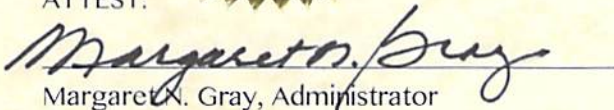
WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention and Awareness initiatives inspire millions of Americans to raise awareness, build resiliency, and find hope.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim September 2021 as "Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month" and September 10, 2021 as "Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day" in Centre County and encourages relatives, friends, co-workers, and providers to recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate services and supports.

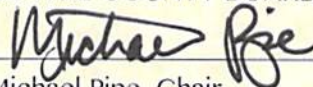
ADOPTED this 31st day of August 2021.



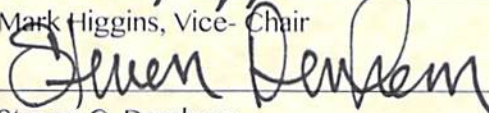
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