

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 36 OF 2021

**WHEREAS**, the Bellefonte Victorian Christmas celebration began in the County Seat of Centre and the Borough of Bellefonte in the year 1981, when a small group of downtown businessmen and citizens decided there was no better way or time than the holiday season to share Bellefonte's rich history and to drive the economy for local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, on every second weekend in December the citizens of Bellefonte gather to celebrate the holiday season and share their rich heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, this year commemorates is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bellefonte Victorian Christmas with the Opening Ceremony to be held on Thursday, December 9 at 6:30 PM; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's event will feature performances by local musical groups, horse-drawn carriage rides, gingerbread house contest, artisan and vendor market, Festival of Trees, Breakfast with Santa, Victorian Christmas Tea, Raider Reindeer 4K, and Dickens strolling characters, singers, and musicians; and

**WHEREAS**, visitors are invited to journey into the past as Bellefonte ushers you into the spirit of Christmas long ago. Stroll the streets and be entertained while you shop, dine and welcome the holiday season in Downtown Bellefonte.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the "Bellefonte Victorian Christmas" weekend officially open and encourage all citizens to visit the historic downtown area to soak up the sights and sounds of the holiday season.

**ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.



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