

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF CENTRE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

**RESOLUTION 6 OF 2022**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION PROHIBITING THOSE WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONVICTIONS FROM HOLDING STATE OFFICE.

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that we remind ourselves of the tragic ongoing costs to families that have been victims of domestic violence, and

**WHEREAS**, in Pennsylvania, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner, and

**WHEREAS**, during COVID pandemic, Pennsylvania have seen domestic violence numbers on the rise, and.

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, at least 109 people died as a direct result of domestic violence, and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania's citizens bear an estimated \$156 billion dollars in lifetime economic burdens due to intimate partner violence, and

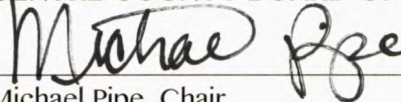
**WHEREAS**, combating domestic violence and reducing these deadly statistics requires legislators with integrity to act in the public good to pass the necessary legislation to reduce rates and protect victims, and

**WHEREAS**, Legislators who themselves have been convicted of domestic violence-related crimes cannot be trusted to act ethically on behalf of domestic violence victims;

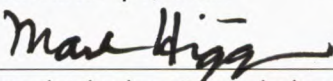
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that in order to protect the integrity of Pennsylvania's legislature and the rights of our citizens, we call upon the General Assembly to enact legislation to guarantee that any person convicted of domestic violence shall be ineligible to serve in the General Assembly, or of holding any office of trust or profit in this Commonwealth.

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

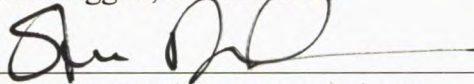
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Michael Pipe, Chair

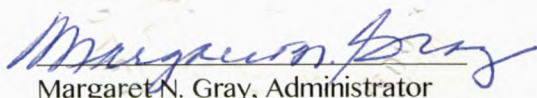


Mark Higgins, Commissioner



Steven G. Dershem, Commissioner

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Margaret N. Gray, Administrator