

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 8 OF 2022

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month — a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault, raise public awareness, educate communities, and empower individuals to take steps to prevent sexual assault here in Centre County; and

WHEREAS, historically SAAM campaigns have discussed ways that individuals and communities can stop sexual assault before it happens, by changing behaviors and promoting respect. While each campaign has a different theme, they all share the same common goals: to raise awareness about sexual assault and share how it can be prevented, whether that is through education about healthy sexuality, consent or bystander intervention; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks the 21st Anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the National theme this year is “**Building Safe Online Spaces Together**”. Consent and boundaries can be violated in a number of ways and the trauma of online abuse is all too real for many survivors; and

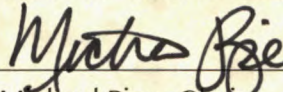
WHEREAS, Centre Safe is urging Centre County residents to **cultivate a community of care** by supporting and believing survivors, working together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

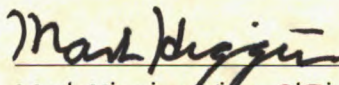
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month** and calls upon all citizens in Centre County to support survivors and take action to prevent sexual violence not only during the month of April but to see each day of the year as an opportunity to cultivate a community of care.

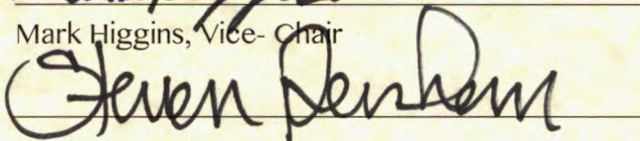
ADOPTED this 5th day of April 2022.



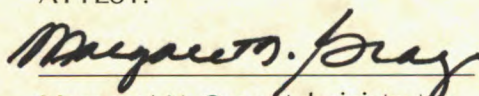
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