

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 26 OF 2022

WHEREAS, gastroparesis (stomach paralysis) is a debilitating disorder characterized by severe pain, nausea, and vomiting, which affects an estimated 5 million Americans, and can lead to malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss, esophageal damage, and other such complications; and

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is a chronic illness which, according to National Institutes of Health (NIH) estimates, affects more than 5 million people in the United States; yet is little known or understood; and

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is "paralysis of the stomach" which is characterized by sometimes debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, and early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss/fluctuations, esophageal damage, and dangerously erratic blood sugar levels; and

WHEREAS, there is little awareness, no known cure, and few safe, reliable, and effective medications or treatments; and

WHEREAS, we seek further research, improved medications, additional treatment options, better support, and hope for our future; and

WHEREAS, we seek to educate the citizens of our state, the medical community, and the general public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder and promote awareness of our condition for the good of the public health;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **August 2022** as "**Gastroparesis Awareness Month**" in Centre County.

ADOPTED this 26th day of July 2022.



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