

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, each year in October, advocates, survivors, and supporters recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It provides an opportunity to remember victims of domestic violence, raise awareness about what domestic violence really is, learn how to recognize it, and learn what we all can do to collectively prevent it; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an issue affecting people in Centre County, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, race, ability, religion, nationality, or educational background; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, 30 percent of children exposed to domestic violence had their first exposure before the age of two, and an additional 26 percent had their first exposure between the ages of two and seven; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence are more likely to experience long-term mental and physical health concerns including higher risk of chronic disease, substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, #Every1KnowsSome1, strives to highlight how common domestic violence is and that it is more prevalent than people realize, but with increased awareness about impact, support, and access to resources, we can all help to take action to create change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in recognition of the work done by the numerous organizations and individuals who work to prevent and eliminate violence, and provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims, the Centre County Commissioners do hereby proclaim **October 2022** as "**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**" and urge all citizens to take action to eliminate violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes.

ADOPTED this 4th day of October 2022.



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