

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 4 OF 2023

**WHEREAS**, Toys for Tots was founded by the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 1947 and in Centre County by the Nittany Leathernecks Detachment – Marine Corps League since 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission is to provide some Hope and Joy to over 8,000 Centre County needy children during the Christmas holiday season; and

**WHEREAS**, Centre County Toys for Tots works with the Food Pantries of Centre County to identify those families most in need and was able to collect over 2,600 food items to be distributed to the food pantries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nittany Leathernecks coordinate the support of over 300 businesses, groups, and Penn State departments in the collection of over 15,000 toys annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centre County Toys for Tots campaign brings together over 500 volunteers each year to sort and prepare the toys for distribution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Marine Toys for Tots and the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nittany Leathernecks Detachment – Marine Corp League for conducting a Toys for Tots campaign for the needy families of Centre County and encourages all citizens to become familiar with their campaign and provide the support needed to continue their mission to provide hope and joy to the less fortunate in our community.

**ADOPTED** this 31st day of January 2023.



CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Mark Higgins, Chair

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ATTEST:

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John Franek Jr., Administrator