

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 9 OF 2023

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children here in Centre County each and every day; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, protected and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood; and

WHEREAS, Centre County has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, community members, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, medical facilities and the business community; and

WHEREAS, our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of the negative effect of child maltreatment and its prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of **April 2023** as the "**Child Abuse Prevention Month**" in Centre County.

ADOPTED this 4th day of April 2023.



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