

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, conservation districts were created in Pennsylvania in 1945, in response to the dust bowl of the 1930's, to improve soil and water conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, they are a local unit of government established under state law to carry out natural resource management programs through education, delegated enforcement, and providing technical and financial assistance to landowners.

**WHEREAS**, each county in Pennsylvania has a conservation district except for Philadelphia. The districts are led by a volunteer board of directors with farmers, public members, and a member of county government.

**WHEREAS**, the Centre County Conservation District was formed at the request of farmers and citizens of the county who were interested in the conservation of soil and water resources and land use planning. In 1954, Centre County was declared a district by the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, Centre County is blessed with a wealth of bountiful woodlands and waterways, showcased in our six State Parks and acres of state forests and public lands that enrich the lives of residents and visitors, providing irreplaceable habitat for countless flora and fauna, sustainable natural resources, and recreational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, our local municipalities rely on conservation district staff to plan development in a way that conserves and protects the local environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the conservation district strives to conserve and sustain the beneficial use and protection of local natural resources through partnerships with the County's urban, rural, working lands communities, and others; as well as government agencies, private organizations, and businesses.

**WHEREAS**, the Centre County Conservation District educates and assists the citizens of Centre County in the management of natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations, inspiring voluntary conservation practices; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **April 23-29, 2023**, as **Conservation District Week** to commemorate the great work accomplished by the Centre County Conservation District.

**ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.



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