

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 15 OF 2023

**WHEREAS**, the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, is a social organization in the United States that encourages families to band together to promote the economic and political well-being of the community and agriculture, having been founded December 4, 1867; and

**WHEREAS**, Progress Grange #96 was chartered February 3, 1874, in Centre Hall, holding meetings in the Centre Hall School located on Church Street. Thereafter, by pledges made by the membership, and by the work of the members, the Hall, located at 217 South Pennsylvania Avenue, was erected in 1898, being the first Grange Hall to be built in Centre County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Progress Grange Hall was designed by Bellefonte architect Robert Cole, under the direction of Progress Grange founder Leonard Rhone. The Hall has a community room on the first floor and it was there that Graduation for Centre Hall High School was held, where the Boy Scouts, the Centre Hall Women's Club, and the Centre Hall Garden Club were organized and the Centre Hall Library was located; and

**WHEREAS**, The Grange strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy and agriculture awareness. Indeed, it has been called the "Community Service Organization of the Countryside." Progress Grange's most recent endeavor, in conjunction with the Y's Anti-Hunger program has, since March of 2020, distributed food to over 16,550 individuals, with 2924 home deliveries. April is the month to celebrate the 149 years of dedication to Faith, Hope, Charity and Loyalty to their Order, our Community and our Nation; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **April 2023** as **Grange Month** in Centre County.

**ADOPTED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.



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