

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 19 OF 2023

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support is the very foundation of our community; and

WHEREAS, 71 Centre County children and youth are currently in the care and custody of Centre County Children and Youth Services; and

WHEREAS, 52 of those children are being provided with a safe, secure, and stable home, by being placed with a compassionate and nurturing foster family through Centre County Children and Youth Services; and

WHEREAS, there are over 60 foster families who have opened their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis and who play a vital role in helping children and families heal, reconnect, and find permanency, and who also help launch these children into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, there is an on-going need for more foster homes in Centre County. Centre County Children and Youth Services' mission is to keep Centre County Children in Centre County; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Adoption and Safe Families Act increases the need for foster homes that provide respite, on-going placement, and kinship/foster/adoptive settings for children and youth; and

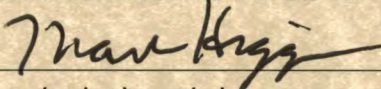
WHEREAS, the community needs to be made aware of the needs of children, as well as the enduring commitment and contribution of foster parents; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as "**Foster Care Awareness Month**" in Centre County and urges all citizens in recognition of this very worthwhile cause, to volunteer their time, talent and energy on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents, and Centre County.

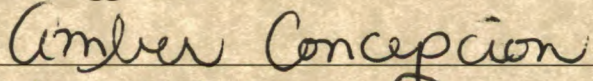
ADOPTED this 2nd day of May 2023.



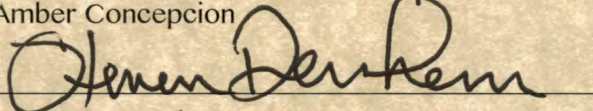
CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Mark Higgins, Chair

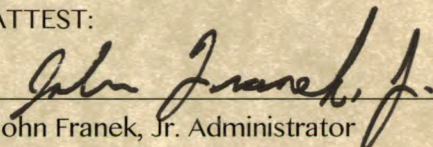


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