

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 35 OF 2023

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Centre County where 7.9% of residents experience food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, Centre County is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Centre County is committed to working with Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and its partner agencies in educating people about the role and importance of food banks and food pantries in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and its partner agencies distributed nearly four million pounds of food in Centre County through their network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated "Hunger Action Month" in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to enlist the public in the fight to end hunger by taking action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to ensure nobody has to make an impossible choice between food and other necessities like medicine, utilities or childcare; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the country, including Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **September 2023** as "**Hunger Action Month**" in Centre County.

ADOPTED this 29th day of August 2023.



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