

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 37 OF 2023

WHEREAS, suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, over 45,000 individuals die by suicide annually in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the state of Pennsylvania, one person dies by suicide every four hours, making it the 3rd leading cause of death for ages 10-34 and the 4th leading cause of death for ages 35-44; and

WHEREAS, nearly five million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, the prejudice and discrimination associated with mental health and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking lifesaving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

WHEREAS, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the Centre County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of the Jana Marie Foundation to promote suicide prevention across the Centre Region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **September 2023** as “**Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month**” and **September 10, 2023** as “**Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day**” in Centre County.

ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2023.



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