

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, each year in October, advocates, survivors, and supporters recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It provides an opportunity to remember victims of domestic violence, raise awareness about what domestic violence really is, learn how to recognize it, and learn what we all can do to collectively prevent it; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is an issue affecting people in Centre County, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, race, ability, religion, nationality, or educational background; and

**WHEREAS**, one in four women and one in seven men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, 30 percent of children exposed to domestic violence had their first exposure before the age of two, and an additional 26 percent had their first exposure between the ages of two and seven; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of domestic violence are more likely to experience long-term mental and physical health concerns including higher risk of chronic disease, substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and anxiety; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, #Every1KnowsSome1, strives to highlight how common domestic violence is and that it is more prevalent than people realize, but with increased awareness about impact, support, and access to resources, we can all help to take action to create change; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** in recognition of the work done by the numerous organizations and individuals who work to prevent and eliminate violence, and provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims, the Centre County Commissioners do hereby proclaim **October 2023** as "**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**" and urge all citizens to take action to eliminate violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes.

**ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.



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