The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 10 OF 2015

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

WHEREAS, in Centre County there are **80** children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure, and stable home, who have been 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 also play a vital role in helping children and families heal, reconnect, 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; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of ***May 2015*** as ***"Foster Care 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 Children and Youth Services' professional staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.

ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2015

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Steven G. Dershem, Chairman

Chris Exarchos

Michael Pipe

ATTEST:

Timothy T Boyde, Administrator
County of Centre