

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 18 OF 2015

WHEREAS, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and calls attention to the fact that domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over 4 million Americans each year and one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, children that grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

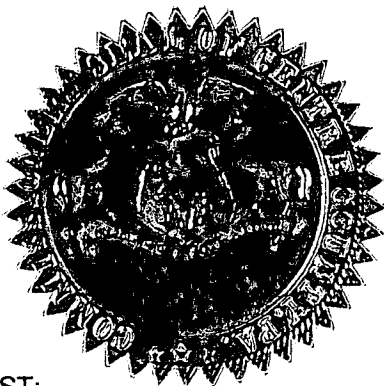
WHEREAS, the Centre County Women's Resource Center offers services to support survivors and programs to educate our community about domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime; and

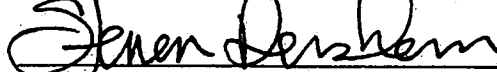
WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about domestic violence and renew our commitment to end domestic violence in Centre County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the work done by the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in Centre County and urges all citizens to play a role in the elimination of violence from our community.

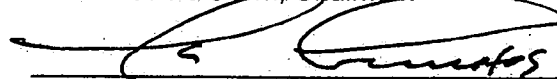
ADOPTED this 6th day of October 2015.



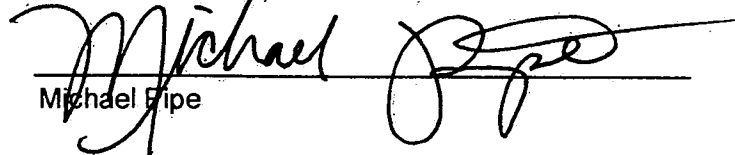
CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Steven G. Dershem, Chairman

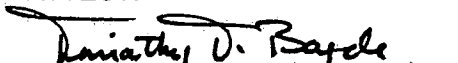


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