

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 3 OF 2017

WHEREAS, in Centre County, we have a long history of helping our neighbors in need. American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our heroes – those Red Cross volunteers and donors who give their time and resources to help community members; and

WHEREAS, these heroes help families find shelter after a home fire. They give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients. They deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital. They use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning or choking. They enable children around the globe to be vaccinated against measles and rubella; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. We applaud our heroes who give themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand; and

WHEREAS, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small. In fact, every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected. It collects nearly 40 percent of the nation's blood supply; provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict or migration; and

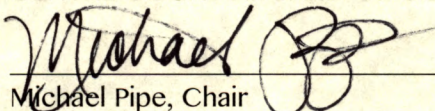
WHEREAS, we dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, money and blood to fulfill its humanitarian mission; and

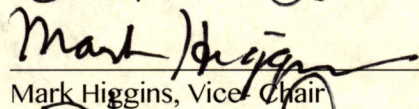
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of **March 2017** as "**American Red Cross Month**" in Centre County and do commend this observance to all of our citizens. We encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

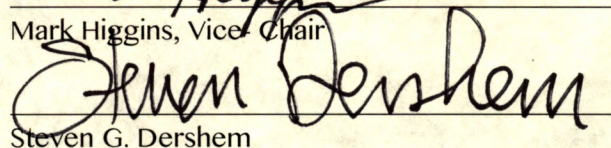
ADOPTED this 7th day of March 2017.



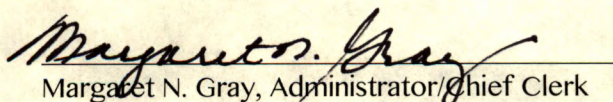
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