

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 21 OF 2017

WHEREAS, Community Action emerged from the heart of President Lyndon B. Johnson's 1964 proclamation of America's "War on Poverty" where battles must be won in the field, in every private home, in every public office, from the courthouse to the White House; and

WHEREAS, Community Action has put a human face on poverty for 52 years by advocating for limited-income citizens without a voice, so that they may enter the middle class and reach for the American dream, replacing their despair with opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Community Action builds and promotes economic stability as an essential aspect of enabling and enhancing stronger communities, which in turn promotes self-sufficiency, ensuring that all Americans are able to live in dignity; and

WHEREAS, Community Action has enhanced the lives of millions of people across America by providing essential, life-changing services and opportunities such as affordable housing, economic development, health care, energy assistance, natural disaster relief and recovery; and

WHEREAS, Community Action already serves 99% of America's counties in rural, suburban, and urban communities and because it is right, because it is wise, and because, in our hearts and minds we believe it is possible, we will conquer poverty in our lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Community Action will continue to implement innovative and cost-effective programs to improve the lives and living conditions of the impoverished; continue to provide support and opportunities for all citizens in need of assistance; and continue to be a major voice of reason in establishing welfare system reforms;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2017** as "**Community Action Month**" in Centre County in recognition of the hard work and dedication of Central Pennsylvania Community Action, celebrating its 50th year of service, and all Community Action agencies.

ADOPTED this 16th day of May 2017.



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