

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 27 OF 2017

WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person commits suicide every thirteen minutes; and

WHEREAS, nearly five million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide claims the lives of over 1,894 Pennsylvanians each year, or on average one person dies by suicide every five hours in the state.

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for 25-34 year olds, 3rd leading cause of death for 10-24 year olds and 4th leading cause of death for ages 35-54; and

WHEREAS, the prejudice and discrimination associated with mental health and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking lifesaving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

WHEREAS, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, most suicides are preventable.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of **September 2017** as "**Centre County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month**" and **September 10, 2017** as "**Centre County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day**."

ADOPTED this 29th day of August 2017.



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