

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 29 OF 2017

WHEREAS, communities throughout the Commonwealth and the nation fight the battles of addiction, drug use, and alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death among residents of Pennsylvania and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, overdose deaths shatter families, friends, and communities, and

WHEREAS, the tragic fact is that accidental overdose is largely preventable; and

WHEREAS, at least one out of four Pennsylvania households is impacted by the chronic disease of addiction. In 2016, at least 13 Pennsylvanians died every day from drug overdoses; and

WHEREAS, every year on August 31, International Overdose Awareness Day is recognized in communities around the world to raise awareness about the risks of drug overdose and to remember those whose lives have been lost; and

WHEREAS, the County of Centre is committed to improving the health and well-being of all community members and actively supports the Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education Initiative, otherwise known as HOPE, which seeks to eliminate drug overdoses and drug overdose deaths in Centre County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim **August 31, 2017** as "**Overdose Awareness Day**" in Centre County and urge the citizens of Centre County remain dedicated to helping people address the chronic disease of addiction and to promote the message that treatment is effective, and people do recover.

ADOPTED this 29th day of August 2017.



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