The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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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 – the Red Cross volunteers and donors who give their time and resources to help community members; and

WHEREAS, the comfort, care, and relief provided by the American Red Cross serves a great mission; providing shelter, food and emotional support to victims of natural disaster, war, conflict, and unexpected hardship; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster. Last year, the Centre County chapter provided financial assistance to 13 families in the aftermath of a disaster, services to 42 military members and their families, health and safety training to 3,383 individuals, and collected nearly 10,000 units of lifesaving blood. We applaud 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. It collects nearly 40 percent of our Nation's blood supply, teaches life-saving techniques to volunteer citizen-rescuers, and leads the world in international humanitarian aid; and

WHEREAS, our community depends on the American Red Cross, which relies on donations of time, resources, and funds to be successful. We dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate suffering in the face of emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim **March 2019** as ***"American Red Cross Month"*** in Centre County and do encourage this observance to all of our citizens and to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

ADOPTED this 5th day of March 2019.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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