

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 29 OF 2019

WHEREAS, domestic violence is one of the most wide-spread problems in our society which affects, women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic and economic groups; and

WHEREAS, each of us has a moral obligation to RAISE OUR VOICES and speak up for those who suffer from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse; and

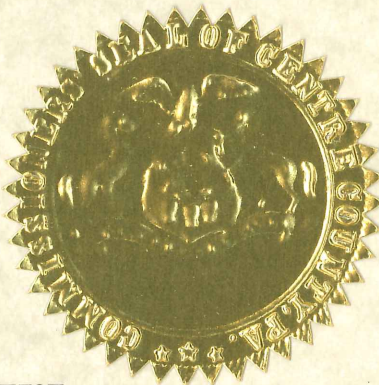
WHEREAS, we pledge to advocate on behalf of those who have been assaulted at home, and to make every effort to prevent domestic violence from happening in the first place; and

WHEREAS, we call on residents of Centre County to support, recognize, and trust in the efforts of law enforcement, the district attorney, social service providers and victim advocates to hold offenders accountable, support and empower victims of domestic violence and eliminate future violence; and

WHEREAS, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and during this month and beyond, we recognize the survivors and victims of abuse whose courage inspires us all and recommit to believing and supporting them and reminding them that they are not alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the work done by numerous organizations and individuals to prevent and eliminate domestic violence, provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of **October 2019** as “**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**” and urges all citizens to speak out against violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes.

ADOPTED this 1st day of October 2019.



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