

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 35 OF 2019

**WHEREAS**, the Bellefonte Victorian Christmas Celebration began in the County Seat of Centre and the Borough of Bellefonte in the year 1981, when a small group of downtown businessmen and citizens decided there was no better way or time than the holiday season to share Bellefonte's rich history and to drive the economy for local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Bellefonte Victorian Christmas became a signature event under the umbrella organization of Historic Bellefonte, Inc. in or about 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, on every second weekend in December for 37 years the good citizens of Bellefonte gather together to celebrate the holiday season and share their rich heritage with all who reside in the County and visitors of the State of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bellefonte Victorian Christmas Committee in cooperation with the Borough of Bellefonte and the Centre County Board of Commissioners, finances and supervises the decorating of the town for this holiday celebration; and

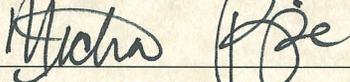
**WHEREAS**, in the first year, this event raised \$1,000 by selling stock and the Bellefonte Victorian Christmas event budget is now over \$30,000 through funding provided by the Central PA Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Centre County Board of Commissioners, Historic Bellefonte, Inc., event revenue, profit sharing with the Bellefonte Woman's Club and Bellefonte Historical and Cultural Association, grants and donations from local civic organizations, local citizen donations, and sponsorships.

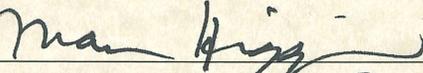
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the "Bellefonte Victorian Christmas" weekend of **December 13<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>** officially open and encourage all citizens to attend, partake in this joyful holiday celebration, soak up the rich history and architecture, and make many long lasting memories.

**ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.



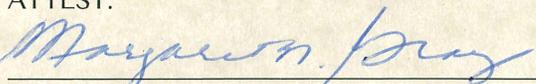
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