

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 6 OF 2020

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 1970, over twenty million Americans joined in common cause to advocate for a clean, healthy and sustainable environment; and

**WHEREAS**, this was the first Earth Day, which launched a wave of action, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States and, since then, millions of people have celebrated Earth Day in order to increase the awareness of the issues affecting the environment in which we live; and

**WHEREAS**, Centre County is blessed with a wealth of bountiful woodlands and waterways, showcased in our six State Parks and acres of state forests and public lands that enrich the lives of residents and visitors, providing irreplaceable habitat for countless flora and fauna, sustainable natural resources, and recreational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments and sustainability efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, environmental education promotes civic engagement and environmental awareness, fostering an ability to participate in lifelong environmental decision making and stewardship; and

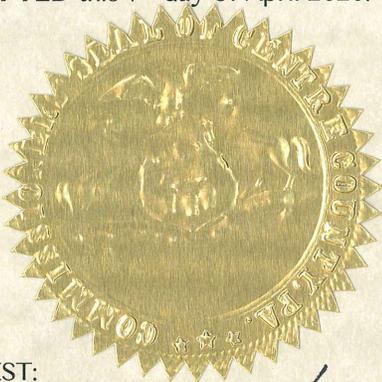
**WHEREAS**, environmental education builds emotional and social skills including self-esteem, character development, team work and leadership skills by encouraging students to research and think critically about complex environmental issues; and

**WHEREAS**, environmental education improves overall academic performance by embracing many other disciplines such as science, social studies, language arts, mathematics, engineering, fine arts and technology; and

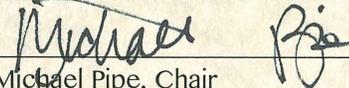
**WHEREAS**, Centre County supports projects that demonstrate and encourage energy conservation, sustainability, and the usage of renewable energy; and

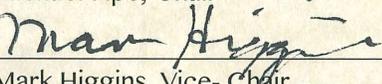
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day and proclaim April 22, 2020 as *Environmental Education Day* in Centre County and encourage citizens, businesses, and organizations to conduct environmental activities so the community will understand the importance of these practices.

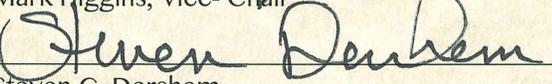
**ADOPTED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.



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