

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 2 OF 2016

WHEREAS, pediatric dental disease is 5 times more common than asthma, and

WHEREAS, more than 51 million school hours are lost each year due to dental disease, leading to increased educational disparities, and

WHEREAS, untreated tooth decay is the most common chronic disease of children, which can lead to a lifetime of poor dental health; and

WHEREAS, oral disease may unnecessarily impact a child's performance in school, speech development, nutrition, self-esteem and sleep; and

WHEREAS, children living in poverty face the greatest oral health challenges despite increased awareness about the importance of oral health; and

WHEREAS, oral disease is preventable through various oral health strategies such as good oral health practices, access to care, and preventive and treatment services; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide increased opportunities for parental involvement in their children's oral health; and

WHEREAS, the Dental Task Force of Centre County and other dental and medical providers are working to increase awareness of the importance of oral health by providing oral health education, outreach and services about the prevention and causes of oral disease and risk reduction strategies;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim February 2016 as "Children's Dental Health Month" in Centre County.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of February, 2016.



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