

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, the nation's counties are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet county needs; and

WHEREAS, participants in Senior Corps; Retired & Service Volunteer Program (RSVP) help address the pressing challenges facing our community and our nation, from supporting students to transporting veterans to feeding the hungry; and

WHEREAS, more than 800 RSVP participants aged 55 and better of all backgrounds serve in Centre County, PA, providing vital support to county residents and improving the quality of life in our county; and

WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return of taxpayer dollars; including a volunteer service wage value in 2016 of more than 1.5 million for more than 67,000 hours of service in Centre County, PA; and

WHEREAS, RSVP volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by generously sharing the accumulated skills and experience from their life's work; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Services shares a priority with city and county officials nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and mayors and county officials across the country for the Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service on April 4, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim **April 4, 2017** as "**National Service Recognition Day**" in Centre County, and encourage all staff and citizens to recognize the positive impact of national service in our community and thank those who serve.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of March 2017.



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