

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 3 OF 2018

WHEREAS, the Penn State Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is celebrating 20 years of helping Centre and Mifflin County entrepreneurs drive economic growth; and

WHEREAS, since its' inception in 1997, the Penn State SBDC has assisted small businesses with 3,468 jobs created or saved; and

WHEREAS, guiding entrepreneurs, the Penn State SBDV has helped with the creation and purchase of 533 new businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Penn State SBDC has helped clients expand and grow, assisting with the generation of nearly \$90 million in sales increases; and

WHEREAS, the Penn State SBDC has played a role in the formation of more than \$85 million in capital; and

WHEREAS, Global Entrepreneurship Week, under the guidance of the Penn State SBDC has grown to one of the nation's largest GEW partners, engaging more than 20,000 students, faculty, staff, and community members since its' inception at Penn State in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Penn State SBDC embraces the mission of all the Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers to "Start, Grow, and Prosper" small business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim **March 23, 2018** as the **"20th Anniversary Celebration of the Penn State Small Business Development Center"** in Centre County.

ADOPTED this 13th day of March 2018.



CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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