

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 24 OF 2018

WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of all deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every thirteen minutes; and

WHEREAS, nearly five million people in the United States have lost a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide claims the lives of over 1,894 Pennsylvanians each year, or on average one person dies by suicide every five hours in the state; and

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, suicide is the second leading cause of death for 25-34 year olds, third leading cause of death for 10-24 year olds, and fourth leading cause of death for those 35-54; and

WHEREAS, the prejudice and discrimination associated with mental health and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk from seeking lifesaving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

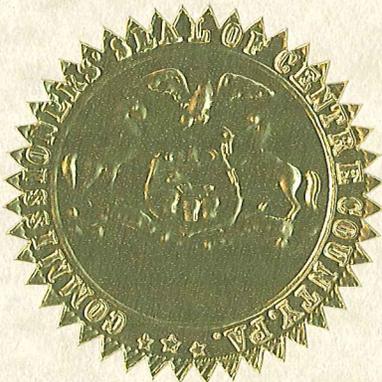
WHEREAS, most suicides are preventable; and

WHEREAS, local and statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible;

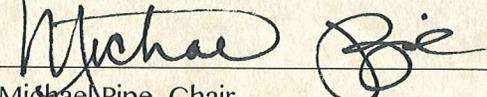
WHEREAS, the Centre County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of the Jana Marie Foundation to promote suicide prevention across the Centre Region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **September 2018** as **"Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month"** and **September 10, 2018** as **"Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day"** in Centre County.

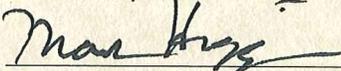
ADOPTED this 28th day of August 2018.



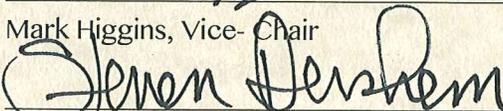
CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Michael Pipe, Chair

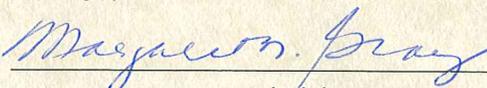


Mark Higgins, Vice-Chair



Steven G. Dershem

ATTEST:



Margaret N. Gray, Administrator