

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 19 OF 2019

WHEREAS, this year marks the 80th Anniversary of the Beech Creek-Blanchard Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, after many years of businesses and homes lost to fire, a group of people from Beech Creek and Blanchard decided to create a fire department; and

WHEREAS, in 1939, the Beech Creek-Blanchard Volunteer Fire Company was organized with the purchase of a fire truck to carry equipment and hose and was later incorporated in 1947; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, the original firehouse was built on Locust Street in Beech Creek, with many additions to the building, a new firehouse was constructed in 2016; and

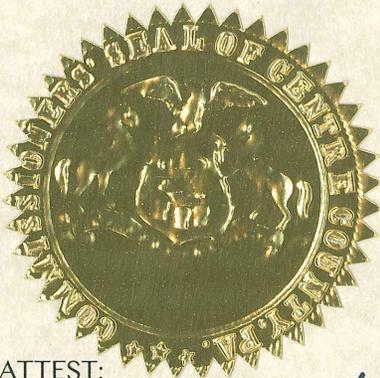
WHEREAS, the Beech Creek-Blanchard Volunteer Fire Department expanded to include an ambulance association and fire police in 1951 followed by a junior firefighter program in 1983; and

WHEREAS, dedicated individuals train and work long hard hours to defend and protect the safety and wellbeing of local residents; and

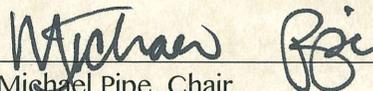
WHEREAS, the Beech Creek-Blanchard Volunteer Fire Department serves citizens of Centre and Clinton counties 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the 80th Anniversary of the **Beech-Creek Blanchard Volunteer Fire Department**, and extends our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your dedication and service.

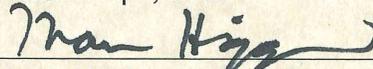
ADOPTED this 16th day of July 2019.



CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Michael Pipe, Chair

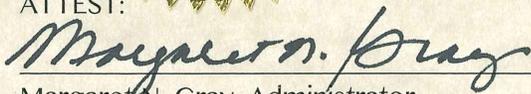


Mark Higgins, Vice-Chair



Steven G. Dershem

ATTEST:



Margaret N. Gray, Administrator