The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 20 OF 2019

WHEREAS, the Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair began in 1874, when Potter Township resident Leonard Rhone urged his fellow Grange members to host a one day "pic-nik" to inform others of the Patrons of Husbandry Organization; and

WHEREAS, that one day "pic-nik" has now grown into a nine day event with approximately 1,000 tents, 1,500 RV's, hundreds of concessions, two ride vendors, over 7,000 items on exhibit, with nationally known entertainers on the Grandstand, and a gate in excess of 200,000 visitors; and

WHEREAS, this is the last Fair with an encampment in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Centre County Grange Fair is committed to showcasing agriculture, with exhibits and competition for livestock for beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits and poultry. The Fair encourages and supports the future of American agriculture by supporting the efforts of our County 4-H members as well as the FFA Chapters of each of our County High Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair is an economic dynamo, having an impact of 2.6 million dollars for the prior year, as well as employing some 350 people resulting in a payroll sum totaling more than $560,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **August 16 - 24, 2019** as **"Grange Fair Days"** in Centre County and encourages all citizens to attend the Great Grange Fair.

ADOPTED this 30th day of July 2019.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael Pipe, Chair

Mark Higgins, Vice- Chair

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ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray, Administrator