

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 31 OF 2019

**WHEREAS**, water rescues on the waterways and lakes of Centre County and neighboring counties have increased dramatically due to flooding, the number one threat in Pennsylvania and the Nation, as well as the increased popularity of various water sports; and

**WHEREAS**, after the flash flood event in October 2016, the Centre County Volunteer Fire Departments of Howard, Milesburg (Citizens), Pine Glen and Pleasant Gap joined forces with their boat and water rescue assets to train and develop a Swift Water Rescue Task Force. This training is in addition to the incredible efforts already exerted by these volunteer fire departments and EMS organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Voluntary Rescue Service Recognition Program classifies each volunteer fire department by type based on its number of members, training capabilities and equipment. Through the combined efforts of these departments they achieved the designation of a '2A' Swift Water Rescue Team; and

**WHEREAS**, through the hard work, dedication and professionalism of these 50 individuals and their departments they have improved training, equipment and capabilities and are to be recognized as a Water Rescue asset not only within Centre County, but surrounding counties and the Commonwealth; and

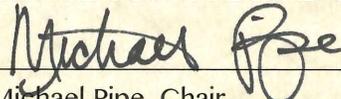
**WHEREAS**, they have trained with and are recognized by the South Central Mountain Regional Task Force (SCMRTF), Centre County EMA, PEMA, Pennsylvania Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team (PA HART) and others. They have received financial support through the SCMRTF, other grants, donations, and fundraising.

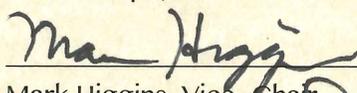
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the **Centre County Swift Water Rescue Task Force** and the four individual volunteer departments not only for their life-saving capabilities but also as an official, primary emergency services entity. The Centre County Board of Commissioners also endorses and supports the personnel, their efforts, their resources and their goals and objectives to continue to enhance their response capabilities.

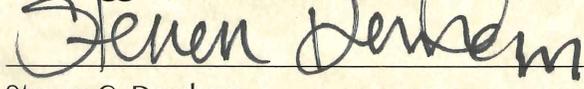
**ADOPTED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.



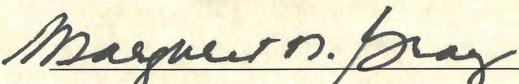
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