The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, on April 22, 1970, over twenty million Americans joined in common cause to advocate for a clean, healthy and sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, this was the first Earth Day, which launched a wave of action, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States and, since then, millions of people have celebrated Earth Day in order to increase the awareness of the issues affecting the environment in which we live; and

WHEREAS, Centre County is blessed with a wealth of bountiful woodlands and waterways, showcased in our six State Parks and acres of state forests and public lands that enrich the lives of residents and visitors, providing irreplaceable habitat for countless flora and fauna, sustainable natural resources, and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that sustainability will only be achieved by meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations; Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments and sustainability efforts; and

WHEREAS, environmental education promotes civic engagement and environmental awareness, fostering an ability to participate in lifelong environmental decision making and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, environmental education builds emotional and social skills including self-esteem, character development, teamwork and leadership skills by encouraging students to research and think critically about complex environmental issues; and

WHEREAS, environmental education improves overall academic performance by embracing many other disciplines such as science, social studies, language arts, mathematics, engineering, fine arts and technology; and

WHEREAS, Centre County supports projects that demonstrate and encourage energy conservation, sustainability, and the usage of renewable energy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day and proclaim April 22, 2020 as Environmental Education Day in Centre County and encourage citizens, businesses, and organizations to conduct environmental activities so the community will understand the importance of these practices.

ADOPTED this 7th day of April 2020.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael Piche, Chair
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ATTEST:
Margaret N. Gray, Administrator