

# The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 17 OF 2014

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 13.7 minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been an overall increase in the suicide rate in our country with the rate highest for adults 75 years of age and older; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide is the third leading cause of death for those aged 15-24 in Pennsylvania; third among males, second among females; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that nearly 5 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide); and

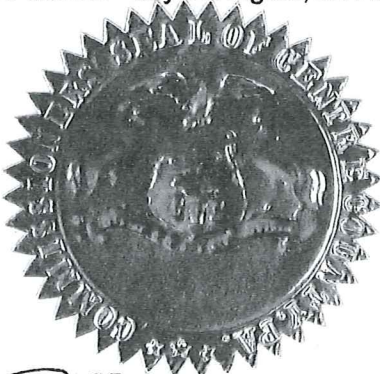
**WHEREAS**, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

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


**WHEREAS**, most suicides are preventable;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Centre County Commissioners hereby designate September 10<sup>th</sup> as "Centre County Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day" and the week around it as "Centre County Suicide Prevention Week", that week being September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, and ask the Citizens of Centre County to spread the word that that suicide is a preventable public health problem.

ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.



ATTEST:

  
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