

RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2016

**SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973**

**WHEREAS**, Centre County, and on behalf of Bellefonte Borough, receives a Community Development Block Grant entitlement funding allocation annually from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, through Pennsylvania Act 179 of 1984, P.L. NO. 179; and

**WHEREAS**, one condition which Community Development Block Grant recipients must meet from the federal government is to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and

**WHEREAS**, Centre County agrees to comply with the national law that protects qualified individuals from discrimination based in their disability and whereas Section 504 forbids organizations and employers from excluding or denying individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to receive program benefits and services; and

**WHEREAS** Section 504 establishes prohibitions against discrimination that apply to service availability, accessibility, delivery, employment, and the administrative activities and responsibilities of organizations receiving Federal financial assistance; and whereas A recipient of Federal financial assistance may not, on the basis of disability:


- 1) Deny qualified individuals the opportunity to participate in or benefit from federally funded programs, services, or other benefits.
- 2) Deny access to programs, services, benefits or opportunities to participate as a result of physical barriers
- 3) Deny employment opportunities, including hiring, promotion, training, and fringe benefits, for which they are otherwise entitled or qualified.

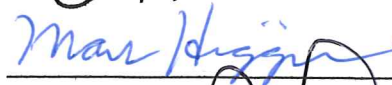
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Centre County hereby agrees to promote the enforcement of the attached Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Centre County Risk Management Director is hereby appointed as Section 504 Officer for the County, to which any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against or denied equal opportunity or access to programs and services may file a complaint.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Centre County Commissioners at its meeting held **November 17, 2016**.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
Michael Pipe, Chairman

  
Mark Higgins, Commissioner

  
Steven G. Dershem, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Denise L. Elbell  
Acting Director of Administrative Services

