WHEREAS, numerous research studies have shown that educational and social opportunities positively enhance the well-being of mature adults; and,

WHEREAS, in 1997, a volunteer non-profit organization, now known as the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), was founded to provide educational and social programs for mature adults in Centre County; and,

WHEREAS, OLLI has grown from 39 courses with 457 enrollees in 1997 to 315 courses with 5,849 enrollees in 2016; and,

WHEREAS, in 2015 OLLI formally joined with The Pennsylvania State University to become OLLI at Penn State, although OLLI remains volunteer- and member-driven; and

WHEREAS, OLLI has succeeded in providing educational, cultural, social and volunteer experiences for thousands of mature and adults to enhance and enrich their lives, thus making Centre County a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, increasing numbers of mature adults retire and relocate to Centre County, OLLI will become an even more integral county asset in the years ahead;

WHEREAS, the Centre County Board of Commissioners has held a Day in the Life of the Commissioners to educate the senior members of our community about the importance of county government;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on the occasion of OLLI’s 20th anniversary, the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 18, 2017 as “OLLI Appreciation Day” in Centre County and encourages its mature residents to take advantage of the educational and social opportunities that OLLI provides.

ADOPTED this 9th day of May 2017.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael Pipe, Chair
Mark Higgins, Vice-Chair
Steven G. Dershem

ATTEST:
Margaret N. Gray, Administrator/Chief Clerk