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WHEREAS, the Chinese Community makes up approximately 4,000 of the students attending Penn State University and 6,000 residents in Centre County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. U. B. Bakker became a mentor for a scholar from China and then began to assess the needs of the local Chinese Community; and

WHEREAS, they have found local representatives who are working to help accommodate the Chinese Community with common needs such as transportation, car insurance, and medical coverage; and

WHEREAS, their goal is to help bring the Chinese and Centre County Communities together; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese Christian Alliance Church has been working to teach the individuals of Taproot Kitchen how to prepare Chinese cuisine allowing approximately 60 members to join together; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, May 20, 2017 members of the Christian Alliance Church and Taproot Kitchen will hold the One Thousand Dumplings Community Dinner; and

WHEREAS, we welcome the Chinese Community and encourage them to draw strength from the diversity of our area and continue to help build and strengthen Centre County as employees, entrepreneurs, professors, medical professionals, and leaders of government and organizations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize the Chinese Community and urge citizens to extend greetings and help foster opportunities to increase their access and involvement within Centre County.

ADOPTED this 18th day of May 2017.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael Pipe, Chair

Mark Higgins, Vice Chair

Steven G. Dershem

ATTEST:

Natalie Corman, Deputy Administrator