The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, emergency medical services are a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical service teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services have grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical service system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical service teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical service providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 20–26, 2018 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Centre County and with the theme, EMS Strong: Stronger Together, we encourage the community to observe this week with thanks, appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

ADOPTED this 15th day of May 2018.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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