WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) was established on December 28, 1937, and is a pioneer of non-profit voluntary membership organizations nationally, having helped establish both the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP); and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees is celebrating its 80th Anniversary of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Centre County Association of School Retirees (CCASR), a local chapter of the PASR, was organized in June of 1965 with 30 charter members; and

WHEREAS, membership of the local chapter has grown to over 300 retirees representing four of the school districts in Centre County: Bald Eagle, Bellefonte, Penns Valley, and State College, and other public school retirees who reside in the County; and

WHEREAS, each year the CCASR membership contributes to nearly 58,000 hours of community service valued at $1.2 million of work; and

WHEREAS, they continue to sponsor volunteer activities and provide donations to Operation Military Kid, Centre County Youth Service Bureau, Centre County Children and Youth Services, Toys for Tots, and local area food banks; and

WHEREAS, education support is a main focus of the CCASR, which is evidenced through chapter’s Education Support Grant, Lauretta Woodson Award, and a scholarship awarded to high school senior for continuing their education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the contributions of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees for the past 80 years and proclaim June 28, 2018 as “Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees Day” in Centre County and encourages all citizens to join in and recognize this special observance.

ADOPTED this 26th day of June 2018.