

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 29 OF 2018

WHEREAS, domestic violence is one of the most wide-spread problems in our society which affects women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic and economic groups; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a deadly crime that creates a painful void, a permanent empty place at the table, for families whose loved ones were killed at the hands of abusers; and

WHEREAS, nearly 20 people per minute are victims of domestic violence by a domestic partner in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, one in three women and one in four men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner within his or her lifetime; and

WHEREAS, three to 10 million children are witness to domestic violence in their homes, and research has shown children who witness domestic violence and do not get help are more likely to become victims or perpetrators of future abuse; and

WHEREAS, nearly three out of four Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, this month, we recognize the survivors and victims of abuse whose courage inspires us all and recommit to offering a helping hand to those most in need, and we remind them that they are not alone.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED in recognition of the work done by the numerous organizations and individuals who work to prevent and eliminate violence, and provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of **October 2018** as "**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**" and urges all citizens to speak out against violence and support local efforts to assist victims of these crimes.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of October 2018.



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