The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 19 OF 2019

WHEREAS, this year marks the 80th Anniversary of the Beech Creek-Blanchard Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, after many years of businesses and homes lost to fire, a group of people from Beech Creek and Blanchard decided to create a fire department; and

WHEREAS, in 1939, the Beech Creek-Blanchard Volunteer Fire Company was organized with the purchase of a fire truck to carry equipment and hose and was later incorporated in 1947; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, the original firehouse was built on Locust Street in Beech Creek, with many additions to the building, a new firehouse was constructed in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Beech Creek-Blanchard Volunteer Fire Department expanded to include an ambulance association and fire police in 1951 followed by a junior firefighter program in 1983; and

WHEREAS, dedicated individuals train and work long hard hours to defend and protect the safety and wellbeing of local residents; and

WHEREAS, the Beech Creek-Blanchard Volunteer Fire Department serves citizens of Centre and Clinton counties 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the 80th Anniversary of the Beech-Creek Blanchard Volunteer Fire Department, and extends our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your dedication and service.

ADOPTED this 16th day of July 2019.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael Pipe, Chair

Mark Higgins, Vice-Chair

Steven Dershem

ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray, Administrator