The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, communities throughout the Commonwealth and the Nation fight the battles of drug use, addiction, and alcoholism; and

WHEREAS, overdose is the leading cause of accidental death among residents of Pennsylvania and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, overdose deaths shatter families, friends and communities; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with substance use disorders to implement preventative measures, recognize the signs of problems, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 23 million adults are living in long term recovery and at least one in four families in Pennsylvania is impacted by the chronic disease addiction; and

WHEREAS, the County of Centre is committed to improving the health and well-being of all community members and actively supports the Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education Initiative, otherwise known as HOPE, which seeks to eliminate substance abuse, drug overdoses, and drug overdose deaths in Centre County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim August 31, 2019 as "Overdose Awareness Day" in Centre County

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of September 2019 as "National Recovery Month" in Centre County and urge that the citizens of Centre County remain dedicated to helping people address the chronic disease of addiction and to promote the message that treatment is effective and recovery is possible.

ADOPTED this 20th day of August 2019.

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael Pipe, Chair

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ATTEST:

Margaret N. Gray, Administrator