

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 27 OF 2019

WHEREAS, MidPenn Legal Services (MidPenn) was created through the merger of four former separately incorporated legal aid programs which include Central Pennsylvania Legal Services, Keystone Legal Services, Legal Services, Inc. and Southern Allegheny Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, founded as a nonprofit, public interest law firm in 1969, MidPenn will celebrate 50 years of legal aid service across 18 counties of Central Pennsylvania in October 2019; and

WHEREAS, MidPenn is dependent on grants and private donations to provide free civil legal aid to low-income residents, survivors of domestic violence, and sexual assault with a goal to increase access to the justice system, foster the independence and dignity of their clients, and address both the symptoms and the root causes of poverty; and

WHEREAS, MidPenn has a longstanding relationship with Centre County Government as a contracted provider to help individuals and families in crisis. MidPenn attorneys and paralegals handle a variety of civil matters; including child custody, domestic violence, housing, elder law, expungement, tax controversies, public benefits and consumer issues; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Centre County Council of Human Services, MidPenn was a founding member of the Super Fair of Centre County Resources and is a leader of Leadership Centre County Health and Human Services Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize **MidPenn Legal Services** for **50 years** of distinguished service to the citizens of Centre County and beyond.

ADOPTED this 19th day of September 2019.



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