

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 36 OF 2019

WHEREAS, diabetes is a serious health condition that causes high blood glucose, also called blood sugar, and the body is not able to make or effectively use its own insulin that the body uses for energy; and,

WHEREAS, diabetes affects 30.3 million, or 9.4 percent of the population in the United States and one in four people do not know they have this disease; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure for diabetes and it is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, there are 1.25 million Americans with Type 1 diabetes. About 200,000 of these individuals are less than 20 years old with over a million individuals 20 years or older. In the United States 40,000 people are diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 84 million, or one in three adults in the United States have pre-diabetes. Pre-diabetes is a condition that has a greater risk for developing Type 2 diabetes and if the current trend continues, one in three adults in the United States will have diabetes by 2050; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,455,813 people, or 12.8 percent of the adult population in Pennsylvania currently have a form of diabetes. Approximately 325,000 of these individuals do not know they have the disease which significantly increases their health risk; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness of the risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes will seek proper medical attention for this serious disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of **November 2019** as "**Diabetes Awareness Month**" in Centre County and encourages all citizens to help fight this disease and its deadly complications by increasing community awareness and providing support to those suffering from diabetes.

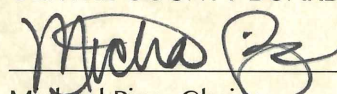
ADOPTED this 5th day of November 2019.




ATTEST:


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