

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 12 OF 2021

WHEREAS, National Tourism and Travel Week is an annual tradition for the U.S. travel community, and a time when travel and tourism professionals across the country unite to celebrate the value travel holds for our economy, businesses and personal well-being; and

WHEREAS, National travel spending is down nearly \$500 billion, costing the U.S. economy \$1.1 trillion, and reducing the total number of travel-supported jobs by 34 percent, from 17 million in 2019 to 11 million in 2020; and

WHEREAS, in Centre County, local and visitor spending was down an estimated \$422.5 million compared to 2019, with restaurant spending accounting for \$155 million of the loss; hotel room revenue down 71.6 percent, or \$60 million; and at the height of the pandemic, some 1,600 hospitality employees out of work; and

WHEREAS, National Tourism and Travel Week 2021 will recognize the POWER OF TRAVEL and the industry's critical role in bringing back our vibrant communities, restoring the local and U.S. economy, rebuilding our workforce and reconnecting America; and

WHEREAS, the POWER OF TRAVEL will get people moving again in a safe and healthy way, and put Centre County residents and Americans back to work; and

WHEREAS, the safe return of leisure, sports, business, meetings and events travel will fuel robust recovery in our own local community and the nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **May 2 - 8, 2021** as "**National Tourism and Travel Week**" in Centre County.

ADOPTED this 29th day of April 2021.



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