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## A PROCLAMATION

## DESIGNATING APRIL 2022 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, every 68 seconds someone in the United States is sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS, 81% of women and 43% of men have experienced some form of sexual harassment and/or assault in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2 in 5 women, 1 in 4 men, and 1 in 2 transgender people (regardless of gender) have been sexually assaulted in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually assaulted by the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, 13% of transgender kids are sexually assaulted because they are transgender between kindergarten and 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, 20 percent of 10 to 17 year olds receive unwanted sexual solicitations while using the internet; and

WHEREAS, sexual violence places survivors at a significantly higher risk of experiencing long-term health issues, including an increased risk of suicide, eating disorders, substance abuse, low self-esteem, and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, in Pennsylvania more than 22,000 children will experience child sexual abuse each year; and

WHEREAS, more than 463,000 people age 12 and older are raped or sexually assaulted in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, more than 2 in 3 sexual assaults go unreported to police; and

WHEREAS, dedicated advocates and volunteers work to eliminate sexual violence and provide support to survivors; and

CLINTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2 PIPER WAY, SUITE 300 LOCK HAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA 17745 **WHEREAS**, Roads to Peace has provided Sexual Assault Services to 84 total survivors (adults, children, and significant others) within the past year.

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that throughout the Commonwealth and within the County of Clinton, we will combine our resources and skills and will pledge to become part of the solution to end sexual violence; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we, the Commissioners of Clinton County do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in Clinton County.

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022



Attest: <u>Jann Meyers</u>

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