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**LYCOMING COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 8, 2020
10:00 A.M.**

Present:

**Commissioner Metzger
Commissioner Mussare
Commissioner Mirabito
Director McDermott
Solicitor Wiley**

- 1.0 OPERATIONS: Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Metzger.**
- 1.1 Opening Prayer
 - 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.3 Convene Commissioners' Public Meeting
 - 1.4 Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting **Mr. Mussare moved to approve. Mr. Mirabito 2nd the motion. Approved 3-0.**
 - 1.5 Public Comment (Agenda Items Only) **None**
- 2.0 AWARDS**
- 2.1** Juvenile Justice Week Proclamation
 - 2.2** Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation
 - 2.3** National Cybersecurity Month Proclamation

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Speakers who wish to address the Board of Commissioners will be limited for **no more than three (3) minutes** on any particular item. The speaker must state his/her name and address for the record. Any deviation from this rule must be approved by the Board Chairman.

4.0 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Commissioners Meeting will be held on **Tuesday October 13, 2020**, at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Briefing Room, 1st Floor, Executive Plaza, 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. **(There will not be a meeting on Thursday October 15, 2020)**

5.0 ADJOURN THE COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING

****Please refer to video recording of meeting for more detailed information.**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSRDCV2YebfonPDRfPMnEuw/videos>

PROCLAMATION

Juvenile Justice Week

October 4-10, 2020

Whereas, Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system is charged with providing programs of supervision, care and rehabilitation which provide balanced attention to the protection of our communities, the imposition of accountability for offenses committed by juveniles and the development of competencies to enable children who come within the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system to become responsible and productive members of their communities; and

Whereas, the mission of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system is based on the principles of restorative justice, which give priority to repairing the harm done to crime victims and communities, and which define offender accountability in terms of assuming responsibility and taking action to repair harm; and

Whereas, this mission is premised on the belief that crime victims, communities, and juvenile offenders must all be regarded as clients of the juvenile justice system, who should receive tangible benefits from their interactions with the system; and

Whereas, the Governor's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee has adopted the following mission statement for Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system:

"Juvenile Justice: Community Protection; Victim Restoration; Youth Redemption"; and


Whereas, community protection refers to the fundamental right of all Pennsylvania citizens to both be and feel safe from crime. Victim restoration emphasizes that crime can forever change its victim and that the goal of victim restoration programs and services should be to restore crime victims, to the greatest extent possible, to their pre-crime status. Youth redemption embodies the belief that the vast majority of juvenile offenders are capable of change and have strengths upon which treatment services can build; and

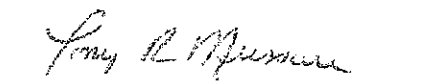
Whereas, all of the services designed and implemented to achieve this mission and all hearings and decisions under Pennsylvania's Juvenile Act – indeed all aspects of the juvenile justice system – must be provided in a fair and unbiased manner; and

Whereas, counties throughout Pennsylvania sponsor annual Juvenile Justice Week activities to enhance public understanding of our juvenile justice system and pay tribute to all those who are part of this important effort.

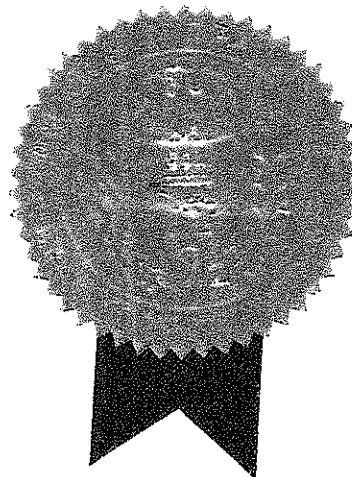
Therefore, in special recognition of the Lycoming County Juvenile Probation Office in their work with juvenile offenders, crime victims, and communities, we, the Commissioners of Lycoming County, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020, as Juvenile Justice Week in Lycoming County.

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Scott L. Metzger, Chairman


Tony R. Mussare, Vice Chairman


Richard Mirabito, Secretary



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence impacts our families, homes, communities, schools, institutions, and workplaces on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, individuals can be victims of domestic violence regardless of age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, culture, socioeconomic status, or religion; and

WHEREAS, without intervention, cycles of violence perpetuate through generations; and

WHEREAS, the effects of domestic violence harm every aspect of our community; and

WHEREAS, one in four women and one in seven men experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, men who witness domestic violence at a young age are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children as adults; and

WHEREAS, the estimated lifetime economic burden of intimate partner violence in Pennsylvania is \$156 billion; and

WHEREAS, in the past ten years, more than 1,600 people have died from domestic violence-related incidents in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, a strong criminal justice system sends messages of accountability and victim support; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, domestic violence advocacy agencies, systems-partners, communities, and allies come together to connect those who work to end violence, to celebrate those who have survived, and to mourn those who have died because of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that those seeking help or services have access to proper care and treatment; and

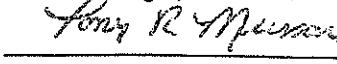
WHEREAS, domestic violence prevention is the best form of victim services, and just as public health's systematic approaches have helped mitigate a range of threats once thought to be intractable, they can also help to prevent domestic violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners of Lycoming County hereby proclaim the month of October, 2020, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Lycoming County, and encourage the community to both spread awareness of domestic violence and support families affected by it throughout the County.

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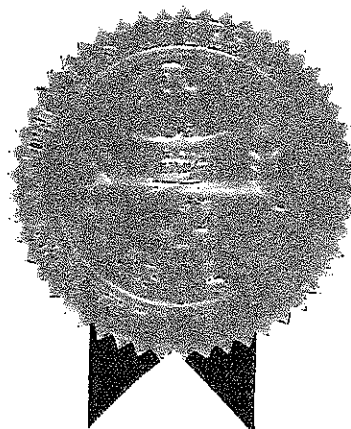
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PROCLAMATION

National Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2020

WHEREAS, the County of Lycoming, Pennsylvania recognizes that it has a vital role in identifying, protecting its citizens from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure is increasingly reliant on information systems and technology to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including large corporations, small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, the home user, and anyone who connects to the internet; and

WHEREAS, monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing anti-virus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices safely are ways you can protect yourself from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and

WHEREAS, the County of Lycoming and the Information Service Department is dedicated to providing every individual and public and private organization in the County of Lycoming the resources necessary to ensure the understanding, implementation, and success of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month to help the citizens of Lycoming County stay safe online and connect with confidence; and

WHEREAS, the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign serves as the national cybersecurity public awareness campaign, implemented through a coalition of private companies, nonprofit, government organizations, and academic institutions working together to increase the public's understanding of cyber threats and empowering Americans to be safer and more secure online; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework is a free resource to help organizations (both large and small, public, and private) improve their cybersecurity practices through a practical approach to addressing the ever-evolving cybersecurity threats and challenges; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role to play, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of County of Lycoming's information, infrastructure, and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government of the United States of America, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (www.cisa.gov), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (<https://www.cisecurity.org/ins-isac>), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org) all recognize October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month; and all citizens are encouraged to visit these websites, along with www.lyco.org and the STOP. THINK. CONNECT.™ Campaign website (www.cisa.gov/stopthinkconnect or www.stopthinkconnect.org) to learn about cybersecurity to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses;

Now, therefore, we, the Commissioners, of the County of Lycoming, do hereby proclaim that we are officially supporting National Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2020.

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