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Forest County Resolution # 5 of 2019 Recognizing the Staff of Forest County Children & Youth Services

WHEREAS, the week of June 3-7, 2019 has been proclaimed as Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week by Governor Wolf, recognizing the efforts of child welfare professionals serving the children of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, every day in Forest County, local children are at risk of child abuse and neglect. Some have been removed from their homes due to such abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, we, the Commissioners of Forest County recognize the risks and need to intervene to protect the children of this County; and

WHEREAS, the challenging task of investigating child abuse, providing services to families, assessing safety, and providing services to ensure that the children of Forest County are provided with nurturance, family connections, support as they transition into adulthood, and services that allow a child to remain safely in their home or return home as expeditiously as possible falls to the child welfare professionals of Forest County Children & Youth Services; and

WHEREAS, the work of these dedicated professionals may require them to enter into situations in which their personal safety may be put at risk; and

WHEREAS, our committed professionals work in difficult and emotional situations with children who have been victimized by physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, and other forms of maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, the professionals of Forest County Children & Youth Services must develop great skill in working with families who are in crisis situations, struggling with mental health challenges, suffering from drug and alcohol afflictions, poverty, and other difficult issues; and

WHEREAS, the professionals of Forest County Children & Youth Services must develop substantial knowledge and skills surrounding the rights of families, the laws surrounding child welfare, and the legal processes governing the system; and

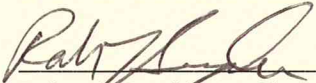
WHEREAS, child welfare professionals selflessly undertake the endeavor to protect the children of Forest County, often with low pay, long hours, tremendous demands, little appreciation, great criticism, and with dramatic impacts to their personal life; and

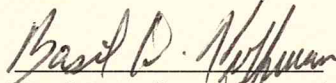
WHEREAS, every year, child welfare professionals are injured or killed in their pursuit to protect children across the United States; and

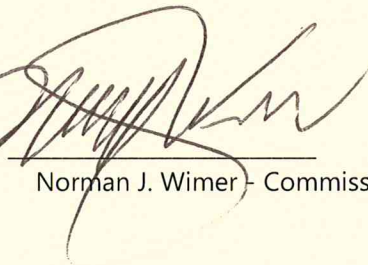
WHEREAS, innumerable injuries and deaths of children in Forest County have been averted due to the efforts of Forest County Children & Youth Services; therefore, in special recognition of the efforts of Forest County Children & Youth Services, We, the Commissioners of Forest County, do hereby issue this Resolution recognizing the staff of Forest County Children & Youth Services for their dedicated efforts in protection the children of Forest County.

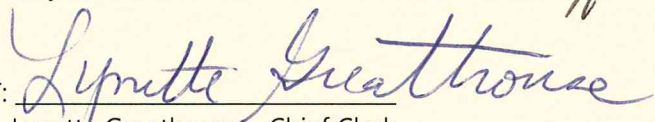
ADOPTED, this 16th day of May 2019

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Lynette Greathouse - Chief Clerk