



RESOLUTION 2017-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL FORUM OF THE CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AFFIRMING THE REGIONALLY SHARED VALUES OF TOLERANCE, MUTUAL RESPECT, EQUITY, AND INCLUSIVITY OF THE CENTRE REGION AS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY TO PEOPLE FROM ALL CULTURES, RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND ETHNICITIES

WHEREAS, the CENTRE REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Centre County, Pennsylvania, is a voluntary association of College, Ferguson, Harris, Halfmoon, and Patton Townships and State College Borough, collectively known as the Centre Region municipalities (MUNICIPALITIES) who joined together in 1969 to provide joint public services and be a regional spokesperson on issues of shared concern; and

WHEREAS, Centre Region COG is governed by the General Forum comprised of the 32 township/borough elected officials from the MUNICIPALITIES; and

WHEREAS, recently Centre Region residents have expressed concerns regarding the divisive tone and direction of the emerging national dialogue relating to multi-culturalism that is interwoven into the fabric of our community especially in its role as the home to The Pennsylvania State University, a world-wide research institution with international faculty and students; and

WHEREAS, the six MUNICIPALITIES have all adopted Resolutions that affirm the Centre Region's long standing tradition of welcoming people from all countries, ethnicities, and religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the General Forum, as a unified body, desires to make a collective statement on the behalf of the MUNICIPALITIES and the Centre Region as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Forum of the Centre Region Council of Governments hereby expresses its ideals and values that characterize our communities:

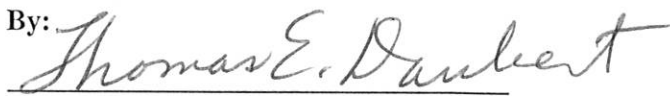
1. All Centre Region residents and visitors should be treated with respect, dignity, and kindness.
2. In the Centre Region, intolerance of any kind is not acceptable behavior and is not consistent with our local history and the traditions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
3. The Centre Region is a welcoming community that recognizes the individual rights of all people to live with dignity and free from discrimination and harassment because of their religion, ethnicity, country of national origin, immigration status, race, sexual orientation or gender.
4. All Centre Region residents and visitors shall have safe, open and inclusive access to all of COG's facilities, programs, resources and services.

RESOLVED this 27th day of March, 2017.

Attest:


James C. Steff, Executive Director
Centre Region COG

By:


Thomas E. Daubert, Chair
Centre Region COG