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PROCLAMATION 2022-17 **MAY AS VHL AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) is a genetic condition involving the abnormal growth of blood vessels in up to 10 parts of the body. It is caused by a flaw in one gene, the VHL gene, which regulates cell growth causing patients to battle a series of tumors throughout their life; and

WHEREAS, VHL disease is different in every patient, even within the same family. Since it is impossible to predict exactly how and when the disease will present for each person, it is very important to check regularly for possible VHL manifestations throughout a person's lifetime; and

WHEREAS, The VHL Alliance organization was awarded 501(c)(3) nonprofit status on July 1, 1993, the same year that the VHL gene was identified. As such, the organization made its mission to connect and educate VHL patients and families and provide information to healthcare providers which was important to advance VHL diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life.

NOW THEREFORE WE, the Commissioners of Susquehanna County, do hereby proclaim the month of May of each year to be designated as **"VHL Awareness Month."**

Adopted: April 27, 2022

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