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PROCLAMATION 2021-26 **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day September 9, 2021**

WHEREAS, The term “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder” (FASD) describes the range of disabilities that can occur in an individual who was exposed to alcohol in utero/or during pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, FASD can only be prevented by avoiding alcohol entirely while pregnant or planning to become pregnant. About half of all pregnancies are unplanned meaning developing fetuses are inadvertently exposed to alcohol. The exact number of people who have FASD is unknown, but it is estimated that 2 to 3 per cent of the population are born with effects of prenatal alcohol exposure annually; and

WHEREAS; People around the world began observing International FASD Awareness Day on September 9 each year beginning in 1999, in order that on the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, the world will remember that during the nine months of pregnancy it is important to abstain from alcohol; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Susquehanna County, does hereby proclaim September 9, 2021, as “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day,” and all Susquehanna County citizens are encouraged to assist in increasing the public’s awareness of FASD.

Adopted: September 8, 2021

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