**DRAFT -- COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other places; and

**WHEREAS,** community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

**WHEREAS,** the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

**WHEREAS,** community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

**WHEREAS,** community planning has a long history in Pennsylvania, dating to William Penn’s plan for Philadelphia, and

**WHEREAS,** over 10,000 citizens serve on municipal planning commissions in Pennsylvania, working with public and private sector professional planners, to enhance the quality of life in our communities, and

**WHEREAS,** the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA-PA) is holding its annual statewide conference in the State College region on October 22nd – 24th, and

***WHEREAS, -- OPTIONAL: insert clause about planning in your community here (or delete before adoption) --***

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories, and

**WHEREAS**, The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our communities and environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning commissions and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the *Borough/City/Municipality/Town/Township* of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*insert name of state, city, or county*); and

**WHEREAS**, We recognize the many valuable contributions made by the public and private sector professional community and regional planners of the *Borough/City/Municipality/Town/Township* of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*insert name of state, city, or county*), and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the month of October 2017 is hereby designated as **Community Planning Month** in the *Borough/City/Municipality/Town/Township* of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (*insert name of* *local government*) in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Chief Elected Official

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