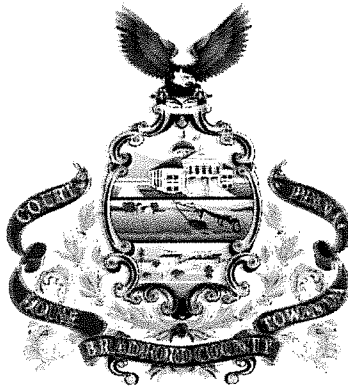


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Bradford County Commissioners Office
PROCLAMATION

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2017

WHEREAS, Lyme Disease, a bacterial infection transmitted by the bite of a tick, continues to spread across Bradford County; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has ranked number one in reported cases of Lyme Disease in the U.S. for the past six years; and

WHEREAS, the total number of Lyme Disease cases continues to rise nationwide, with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimating that the number of people diagnosed with Lyme Disease is ten times higher than the number of reported cases; and

WHEREAS, fewer than 50% of people with Lyme Disease recall a tick bite and fewer than 50% of people with Lyme Disease recall any rash; and

WHEREAS, Lyme Disease testing is unreliable, making diagnosis difficult and leading to under-diagnosis or misdiagnosis, which can then lead to serious complications including neurological, cardiac and musculoskeletal problems, it is imperative that all who may be exposed to Lyme Disease receive immediate treatment; and

WHEREAS, warmer months are considered the most active time for exposure to ticks during outdoor activities, and ticks in the nymphal stage are much smaller than adult ticks, being about the size of a poppy seed and often looking like a speck of dirt; and

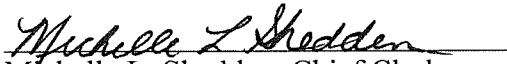
WHEREAS, the CDC reports that in most cases, a tick must be attached for 36-48 hours before Lyme Disease can be transmitted, however studies have shown that transmission of bacteria can occur in less than an hour; and

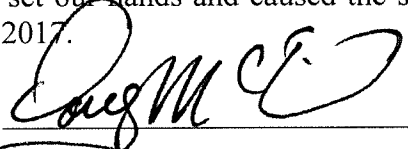


WHEREAS, the best solution to reduce the risk of contracting Lyme Disease is awareness and education about the seriousness of the infection and the need to practice preventative techniques such as the use of repellent, frequent tick checks, proper tick removal and reduction of tick habitats.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bradford County Commissioners proclaim May 2017 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" in Bradford County. In doing so, we encourage Bradford County residents to further educate themselves about Lyme Disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment while supporting those suffering from this debilitating disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of Bradford County to be affixed this 27th day of April 2017.

ATTEST:


Michelle L. Shedden, Chief Clerk




Bradford County Commissioners