

HANVOER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Proclamation No. 2020 – 1

PROCLAMATION HONORING
MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER AND NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

WHEREAS, January was designated National Blood Donor Month in 1970 to pay tribute to voluntary blood donors and increase donation by others to help save lives in our local community; and

WHEREAS, Miller-Keystone Blood Center was founded in 1971 and serves as the sole blood provider for 29 hospitals in eastern Pennsylvania and western New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Miller-Keystone Blood Center is a member of America's Blood Centers, a national network of independent, non-profit community blood centers that provide approximately 60% of the blood products transfused in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 43,000 units of blood are used each day in the United States to help save lives for cancer patients, trauma victims, and other medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, 450 units of blood are needed every day in the twelve counties served by Miller-Keystone Blood Center; and

WHEREAS, Miller-Keystone Blood Center is the only blood supplier to 29 hospitals in our region; and

WHEREAS, When residents of Hanover Township and other municipalities in the Lehigh Valley region donate blood to Miller-Keystone Blood Center, they give the gift of life, provide someone hope for a second chance, and give back to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of Township of Hanover, County of Northampton, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That January 2020 shall be declared as National Blood Donor Month within Hanover Township, Northampton County, and that residents of the township shall be encouraged to donate blood and platelets at Miller-Keystone Blood Center throughout the 2020 calendar year.

APPROVED and adopted this 14th day of January 2020.

ATTEST:

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA

ELIZABETH D. RITTER, Secretary – Board
of Supervisors

JOHN N. DIACOBIANNIS, Chairman – Board
of Supervisors

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Proclamation No. 2020 – 2

PROCLAMATION HONORING
VALLEY AGAINST SEX TRAFFICKING AND NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS
MONTH

WHEREAS, January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Human and sex trafficking occurs in every region throughout the United States and in countries throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that up to 40.3 million people around the world are being trafficked; and

WHEREAS, human and sex trafficking reports a profit of over \$32 billion annually worldwide and is one of the largest industries in the world; and

WHEREAS, Within the United States, the average teenager is coerced and forced into human and sex trafficking between the ages of twelve and fourteen; and

WHEREAS, The Valley Against Sex Trafficking (VAST) is the leading nonprofit in the Lehigh Valley region dedicated to combatting human and sex trafficking; and

WHEREAS, VAST's mission is to, through collaboration, education, and advocacy, empower survivors and encourage our Lehigh Valley community to take action in the anti-trafficking movement; and

WHEREAS, VAST partners with law enforcement, and lawmakers to develop protocols and strengthen laws that will reduce the demand of the sex industry throughout the Lehigh Valley region.

WHEREAS, VAST continues to collaborate with other agencies in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley region to ensure victims of sex trafficking are receiving the necessary services to care for their needs including healthcare, legal services, shelter, and counseling; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, by the Board of Supervisors of Township of Hanover, County of Northampton, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That January 2020 shall be declared as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month within Hanover Township, Northampton County. That residents of the township shall be encouraged to become more educated about human and sex trafficking throughout the 2020 calendar year. That residents of the township shall be encouraged to volunteer with Valley Against Sex Trafficking in an effort to curb and end human and sex trafficking.

APPROVED and adopted this 14th day of January 2020.

ATTEST:

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA