

PROCLAMATION

National Reentry Week ~April 24 – 30, 2016

April 20, 2016

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of all citizens that we take steps to make our criminal justice system more effective at reducing recidivism and more effective at having formerly incarcerated individuals contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, an important part of that task is preparing those who completed their sentences for substantive opportunities beyond prison and addressing obstacles to successful reentry; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than 600,000 individuals nationally return to neighborhoods after serving time in federal and state prisons, and another 11.4 million individuals pass through local jails; and

WHEREAS, supporting successful reentry is an essential part of our mission to promote public safety – because by having individuals return to productive, law-abiding lives, we can reduce crime across the county and make our neighborhoods better places to live. Raising awareness of the importance of reentry strategies increases public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA do hereby proclaim April 24 – 30 2016 to be “National Reentry Week” and encourage the citizens of Lancaster County to continue to support and advance reentry programs that promote opportunity and bolster public safety.

Dennis P. Stuckey, Chairman

Joshua G. Parsons, Vice Chairman

Craig E. Lehman

*Board of Commissioners of
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*