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***Commissioners Proclaim June 1st as
Child Welfare Caseworker Appreciation Day***

Cumberland County, PA – Every day across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, thousands of children are at risk of child abuse and neglect or have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. The Cumberland County Children & Youth Office is the designated agency in Cumberland County responsible for providing social services to protect the safety and welfare of these children. Today during their public meeting, the Board of Commissioners proclaimed June 1, 2017, as Child Welfare Caseworker Appreciation Day in Cumberland County, in recognition of the agency's child welfare caseworkers, who work diligently to protect these children.

Child welfare caseworkers work in challenging and emotional situations, as they interact with children and families in crisis, to assess the needs of each child and determine the best course of action for improving the child's situation. Often these families are struggling with mental health challenges, suffering from drug and alcohol addiction, poverty or other problems. Despite these situations, caseworkers are committed to engaging and empowering families so they are better equipped to make proper decisions to ensure a safe and healthy environment for at-risk children as they transition into adulthood. Focusing on ways to build and promote the protective factors, in every interaction with children and families, is a vital component of their efforts to prevent child maltreatment and promote optimal child development.

The mission of the Cumberland County Children & Youth Agency is to provide professional social services to protect the safety and welfare of children; preserve, support and strengthen the family; and identify alternative care, a safe environment and a permanent home for those children unable to remain in their home.

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