

Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Bucks County, Pennsylvania

WHEREAS, good oral health is an important component to an individual's overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have suggested connections between poor oral health and diabetes, cardiac disease, stroke and even arthritis; and

WHEREAS, dental care is often inaccessible to low-income adults and veterans in our community; and

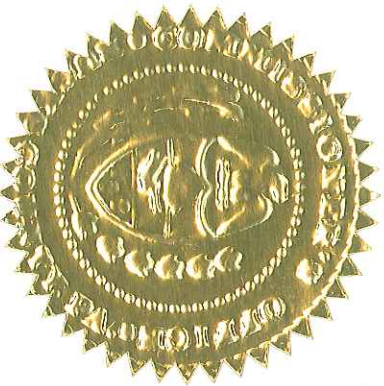
WHEREAS, nearly one-third of low income adults say that the appearance of their mouth and teeth affect their ability to interview for a job; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 Eugene Jackson created HealthLink, a free clinic to meet the healthcare needs of low-wage earning adults and to "bridge the gap" between qualifying for Medicaid coverage and having the ability to afford healthcare coverage; and

WHEREAS, for the last 16 years, Healthlink has worked tirelessly to utilize the expertise of dedicated professional volunteers. Aided by a small devoted staff, the organization provides a fiscally responsible and streamlined approach to treating our neighbors who are in need; and

NOW THEREFORE, do we, the Bucks County Commissioners, Chairman Charles H. Martin, Robert G. Loughery and Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW, proclaim September 2017 as **"BUCKS COUNTY ORAL HEALTH MONTH"** throughout the County of Bucks.

In so doing, we salute Healthlink and its 16-year commitment to the health and hygiene of our community and its mission to expand its free adult dental clinic, thereby allowing more low-income residents the ability to receive free restorative and preventive dental care.



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Charles H. Martin
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert G. Loughery".

Robert G. Loughery

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brian Hesseenthaler".

Brian Hesseenthaler
Acting Chief Clerk
August 16, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia".

Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW