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Buddy Johnson, Mayor
Commitment to Community

**School Resource Officer Appreciation Day
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, The National Association of School Resource Officers {NASRO) and the Bellefonte Borough Police Department are dedicated to making schools and children safer by providing the highest-quality training to school-based law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, School Resource Officers {SROs) within the Bellefonte Area School District bridge gaps between youth and law enforcement and embrace a triad concept of school policing, serving in informal counseling, education, and law enforcement roles in supporting students and communities they serve; and

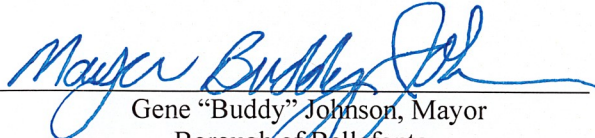
WHEREAS, by training law enforcement officers to counsel, educate, and protect school communities, the men and women in blue promote a positive image of law enforcement to school children and school communities; and

WHEREAS, SRO programs across the globe are founded as collaborative efforts by police agencies, law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and communities to create safe learning environments, provide valuable resources to school staff members, foster positive relationships with students and develop strategies to resolve problems that affect youth with the goal of protecting all children so that they can reach their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, Bellefonte School Resource Officers are valuable and essential members of the education community and deserve unwavering respect and support from the public in the pursuit of keeping schools and students safe. As a counselor and mentors, the SROs impact the lives of our future generation and ensure the staff's safety through ALICE training; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the National Association of School Resource Officers and I, Gene "Buddy" Johnson, Mayor of Bellefonte Borough, Centre County, Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2024, as School Resource Officer Appreciation Day.

Dated: February 15, 2024


Gene "Buddy" Johnson, Mayor
Borough of Bellefonte