

**PROCLAMATION**  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SENECA COUNTY, OHIO

**“Weathering the Storm Together” campaign kickoff**

**WHEREAS**, extreme weather conditions this year have led to difficult times for agricultural producers across Seneca County; and

**WHEREAS**, these difficult times affect the stress levels and mental health of producers; and

**WHEREAS**, the county’s Ohio State University Extension Office, the Seneca County Farm Services Agency and the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library are cognizant of these issues and thus have teamed up to connect farmers to the mental health resources they need through a program entitled “Weathering the Storm Together;” and

**WHEREAS**, the collaborative program includes several events throughout the rest of this year to raise awareness about mental health issues in the agricultural community and to connect people with local mental health resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of all collaborating agencies on this campaign is greatly appreciated. Collaborative partners include the OSU Extension Office, the county Farm Services Agency, Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties, Seneca Soil Conservation District, Sutton Bank, Natural Resources Conservation Services, Ag Credit, the Ohio Farm Bureau and producers Gary Baldosser and Mike Scherger; and

**WHEREAS**, the Seneca County Board of Commissioners recognize the importance of farmers as the backbone of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Seneca County Board of Commissioners wholeheartedly support this campaign and hope to continue to bring awareness to the mental health issues experienced by agricultural producers while also breaking down the stigma attached to openly discussing these problems; and

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, this Board of Seneca County Commissioners, hereby proclaims July 2019 as the kickoff for the “Weathering the Storm Together” campaign. All county officials, employees, schools and residents are encouraged to participate in county government activities related to the proclamation.

**“Weathering the Storm Together” campaign kickoff–July 2019**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE**, the Board of Seneca County Commissioners have hereunto set our hand and caused the Great Seal of the County to be affixed to this Proclamation this twenty-third day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen

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Shayne E Thomas

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Michael J Kerschner

