



# Proclamation

By The County Executive

## Recognizing Joseph Schmeltz of the Mercer County Wildlife Center

*Whereas, the Mercer County Wildlife Center is a state and federally licensed facility that provides critical treatment and rehabilitation services for injured, ill, and displaced wildlife to enable these animals to return to the wild; and*

*Whereas, the Mercer County Wildlife Center marks its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a celebration at the Mercer County Wildlife Center's Outdoor Education Pavilion on Thursday, October 4, 2018; and*

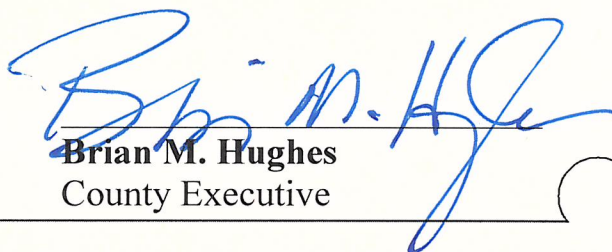
*Whereas, the Mercer County Wildlife Center was founded by Joseph Schmeltz in the basement of the Mercer County Correction Center in 1983 to help wildlife in distress after Washington Crossing State Park stopped accepting animals; and*

*Whereas, Joseph Schmeltz had the vision to establish the Mercer County Wildlife Center while meeting another need of a newly created work program for inmates of the Mercer County Correction Center, who became vital to the operation; and*

*Whereas, Joseph Schmeltz oversaw the early growth of the Mercer County Wildlife Center, laying the foundation for the unique, modern facility it has become,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Brian M. Hughes, Mercer County Executive, do hereby commend Joseph Schmeltz for his commitment to making the Mercer County Wildlife Center an outstanding facility and invaluable community resource, and join in celebration of its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*



  
Brian M. Hughes  
County Executive