Resolution #23-2017/2018 National County Government Month - April 2018 "Serving the Underserved"

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant; and

WHEREAS, counties move America forward by providing health care, administering justice, keeping communities safe, creating economic opportunities and much more; and

WHEREAS, Grundy County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, through National Association of Counties President Roy Charles Brooks' "Serving the Underserved" initiative, NACo is focusing on the critical role counties play in breaking multi-generational cycles of poverty; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant and safe, America's counties provide public health, justice, safety, infrastructure, transportation, technology, environmental stewardship and economic services that play a key role in everything from residents' daily commutes to emergency response; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Grundy County Board of Supervisors has arranged for Joseph Dittmar to bring his eyewitness account of the sights, sounds and scenes from inside and outside the World Trade Center complex on September 11, 2001, to the citizens of Grundy County on April 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., to keep the voices, spirits, and memories of the 3,000 vanquished victims of that fateful day alive, always remembered and never forgotten by all Americans, particularly the youth of our country who are our future and our hope for a better world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grundy County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 2018 as National County Government Month and encourages all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2018.

Harlyn Riekena, Vice Chairperson Grundy County Board of Supervisors