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## **Montgomery County Courthouse to Turn Blue Tonight in Honor of Fallen Police Officers**

**Norristown, PA (July 19, 2016)** – The Montgomery County Courthouse will turn blue this evening to honor fallen police officers, brothers and sisters in blue, in Baton Rouge, Dallas, and across the nation. The Montgomery County Commissioners would like to express their gratitude to those in the law enforcement community who risk their lives to keep our communities safe.

“Here in Montgomery County we don’t tolerate violence against the rule of law or the women and men sworn to protect it. Tonight we honor the legacy of the fallen officers in Baton Rouge and Dallas as peacemakers, and show respect for all law enforcement, by lighting our historic Courthouse blue. Join us in praying for the families of the fallen and recommitting ourselves to seek change through peaceful means, as is the American way,” said Montgomery County Commissioners Chair Josh Shapiro

“My heartfelt condolences go out to all of the families, friends, and colleagues of the slain officers who gave their lives in service to their communities. It is with deepest gratitude for their sacrifice, for the sacrifice of the wounded officers, and for the ongoing service of all of our law enforcement officers, that we light our Montgomery County Courthouse blue tonight. I pray that this is a time for coming together and healing across our country,” said Montgomery County Commissioners Vice Chair Dr. Val Arkoosh.

“Law enforcement officers put themselves in danger in order to keep us safe. They have the enormous responsibility of making important decisions of great consequence. The blue light cast on the Courthouse signifies our support and respect for law enforcement across our County and Country,” said Montgomery County Commissioner Joe Gale.

The Montgomery County Commissioners are deeply saddened by the tragic events across the country, in Minnesota, Louisiana, and Dallas. The Commissioners and the County family extend their

condolences to those affected by recent horrific acts and pray that respect and tolerance will overcome violence.