UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

KIMBERLY A. BIVENS,

Plaintiff,

: CIVIL NO. 1:16-CV-2269

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, *et. al.*, Defendants.

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ORDER

AND NOW, this 27th day of February, 2017, upon consideration of

Magistrate Judge Saporito's Report and Recommendation (Doc. 8) that Plaintiff's petition for

a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (Doc. 1) should be denied as meritless and

that this court should decline to issue a certificate of appealability, and, after independent

review of the record, and noting that no objections were filed, IT IS ORDERED that:

(1) The Report and Recommendation (Doc. 8) is ADOPTED;

(2) Plaintiff's petition is DENIED;

(3) A certificate of appealability is DENIED;¹

(4) The Clerk of Court shall close the file.

<u>/s/ William W. Caldwell</u> William W. Caldwell United States District Judge

¹ Although we are denying a certificate of appealability, Plaintiff is advised that she has the right for thirty (30) days to appeal our order denying her § 2254 petition, <u>see</u> 28 U.S.C. § 2253(a); Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(1)(A), and that our denial of a certificate of appealability does *not* prevent her from appealing, so long as she also seeks a certificate of appealability from the court of appeals. <u>See</u> Fed. R. App. P. 22; Local R. App. P. 22.1.