

A PROCLAMATION

BELLS ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA DAY

MAY 3, 2020

Whereas, on March 6, 2020, Governor Tom Wolf proclaimed the existence of a disaster emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, ultimately requiring all Pennsylvania residents to shelter in place; and

Whereas, despite all of the efforts of state, county, and municipal governments to mitigate the effects of this pandemic, to date, over 37,053 Pennsylvanians have been afflicted with COVID-19 and 1,394 Pennsylvanians have died from it; and

Whereas, in every municipality, there have been emergency medical personnel, firefighters, police officers, and employees of grocery stores, pharmacies and other life-sustaining businesses who have braved the viral elements, at the expense of themselves and their families, to maintain essential services to the general public sheltering in place and are deserving of recognition as "hometown heroes"; and

Whereas, elected officials across the Commonwealth have joined together to promote a statewide expression of gratitude to these hometown heroes, solidarity with other Pennsylvanians on the frontlines of the COVID-19 battlefield and determination that their municipal businesses and civic-life will thrive once again; and

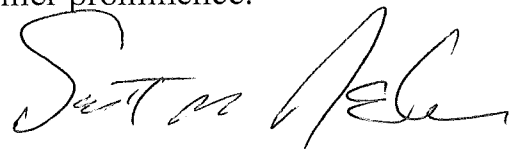
Whereas, since days of the American Revolution, the bell has served as an instrument for expressing communal gratitude, camaraderie and resolve, and is a means well suited for Pennsylvanians sheltering in place to demonstrate such values.

Now, therefore, the Mayor, in concert with the Council of the Borough of Youngsville, hereby proclaims:

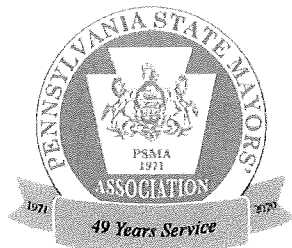
Sunday, May 3, 2020 as

Bells Across Pennsylvania Day

and calls upon all residents and churches at 7:00 p.m. to ring bells for three minutes to honor their hometown heroes, rally with other Pennsylvanians on the frontlines of the COVID-19 battlefield and show resolve to restore their local businesses and civic life to their former prominence.



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NEWS RELEASE

Bells Across Pennsylvania Day

The Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association has initiated an event entitled "Bells Across Pennsylvania Day." This statewide event will take place on **May 3, 2020**. Its threefold purpose is:

- To recognize and honor first responders, healthcare workers, and employees of grocery stores, pharmacies and other life-sustaining businesses who have maintained essential services to the general public while at risk of infection from COVID-19, and deserve to be celebrated as "hometown heroes";
- To show solidarity with elected officials and residents of municipalities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all of whom are fighting COVID-19 on the frontlines together in their communities; and
- To demonstrate a collective resolve that Pennsylvanians will prevail over COVID-19 and work tirelessly to ensure that their businesses and civic life will thrive once again.

Mayors and other municipal officials are being encouraged to hold whatever events "sheltering in place" will allow such as encouraging their residents to do something special for someone in their neighborhood who is a "hometown hero" for example a telephone call, a note of support, delivery of baked goods, etc. Then at **7:00 p.m.**, all *Pennsylvanians* and houses of worship will be encouraged to ring bells for three minutes – one minute for each of the above purposes. Attached is an example of a Proclamation which Mayors and other elected officials will issue to invite their residents to participate in this event.

Questions regarding "Bells Across Pennsylvania Day" may be directed to Mayor Jim Nowalk, President of the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association at (412) 508-6873 or pamayors@pamayors.org.