

Proclamation

A Mayoral Proclamation Declaring May 3, 2020 “Bells Across Pennsylvania” Day.

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 33,232 Pennsylvanians have been afflicted with COVID-19 and 1,204 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, I, Matthew T. Shorraw, Mayor of the City of Monessen, do hereby declare Sunday, May 3, ‘Bells Across Pennsylvania Day’, in coordination with the Pennsylvania State Mayors’ Association and municipalities across this Commonwealth. I call upon all residents to pause for three minutes, starting at 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2020 to honor our hometown heroes, including but not limited to: first responders, healthcare workers, pharmacists, grocery employees, city employees, delivery workers, transportation workers, food service industry employees, and all essential workers who are risking their health and well-being, and keeping things moving for us while many must shelter in place. We will do this in solidarity with other Pennsylvanians in order to show resolve to restore our local businesses and civic life to their former prominence, once it is safe to do so. I also call on the Churches of Monessen to ring their bells for three minutes beginning at 7:00 p.m. for the same reasons stated above.



Matthew Shorraw
Mayor, City of Monessen

Mayor Shorraw Announces “Bells Across Pennsylvania Day” in Monessen, on May 3rd, in coordination with other PA Municipalities

MONESSEN – Mayor Shorraw has issued a proclamation declaring May 3, 2020 “Bells Across Pennsylvania Day,” in support and cooperation with an initiative of the Pennsylvania State Mayors’ Association

The threefold purpose of the initiative 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 while at risk of infection from COVID-19;
- 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; 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.

Mayor Shorraw is asking residents to pause for three minutes, beginning at 7:00 p.m., on May 3rd. Additionally, the Mayor is asking that Monessen’s churches ring their bells for three minutes - one minute for each of the above purposes, also beginning at 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2020. Attached is the Proclamation issued by Mayor Shorraw.

Press questions regarding this initiative may be directed to Mayor Shorraw at mshorraw@cityofmonessen.com.

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