

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Henry Sellers McKee was born on March 5, 1843, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was a part of a prominent Pittsburgh family and,

WHEREAS, H. Sellers McKee was the President of the First National Bank of Birmingham, a member of the Duquesne Club, a director of the Exchange Bank of Pittsburgh, and a director of the Western Insurance Company and,

WHEREAS, H. Sellers McKee became a part of his family's glass producing business in Pittsburgh, and went on to establish that same business in Jeannette in 1888; a city named after his wife and,

WHEREAS, H. Sellers McKee developed the use of natural gas in manufacturing and,

WHEREAS, H. Sellers McKee, along with Colonel James Schoonmaker, Philander Knox, James Reed, George Morgan, and George Motheral founded the East Side Land Company, in Pittsburgh, and operated it with M.J. Alexander and H. Dallas McCabe in Monessen and,

WHEREAS, MJ Alexander, general manager, coined the name, "Monessen" as the name of the new settlement and,

WHEREAS, the East Side Land Company played a significant role in the founding, construction, and early leadership of Monessen and,

WHEREAS, a prominent city avenue is named after H. Sellers McKee and,

WHEREAS, H. Sellers McKee played a crucial role in the founding of Monessen, as an investor, industrialist, and visionary.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matthew T. Shorraw, and Monessen City Council, do hereby commemorate the One-Hundred-Seventy-Fifth birthday of one of our founders, H. Sellers McKee, and acknowledge his contributions to the City of Monessen, the City of Jeannette, and our region.



Matthew T. Shorraw, Mayor
City of Monessen