

Proclamation

A Proclamation On the Occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Negro Leagues

WHEREAS, the Negro National League of Baseball was officially formed on February 13, 1920 and originally comprised of eight teams, and;

WHEREAS, the Negro National League of Baseball folded in 1928, and was later restarted by the Pittsburgh Crawfords in 1933, and gained much fame and support throughout the country, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Monessen hosted the Negro Leagues at Page Park, which was located between First and Second Street, behind Donner Avenue, and;

WHEREAS, legendary player, Josh Gibson, playing for the Homestead Grays, hit a homer in Monessen at Page Park in the 1930's, that was reportedly measured by Monessen's Mayor at 575 feet, which was reportedly one of Gibson's longest, and;

WHEREAS, the Negro National League dissolved in 1948 and the Negro American League dissolved in 1960, after the integration of baseball began with Jackie Robinson in 1947, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Monessen, being a proud city, full of sports legends, is proud to honor Josh Gibson's 575 foot homer in Monessen, and the 100th Anniversary of the Negro Leagues.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matthew T. Shorraw, Mayor of the City of Monessen, do hereby, "Tip my Cap", in commemoration of Josh Gibson's homer in Monessen, the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Negro Leagues, and the influence the league and baseball as a whole has had on our city, the region, and this country.



Matthew Shorraw
Mayor, City of Monessen