

Proclamation

Bells Across Pennsylvania Day, May 2, 2021

WHEREAS, a statewide disaster emergency was proclaimed on March 6, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic necessitating all Pennsylvania residents to shelter in place, businesses to close or curtail their activities; and social events to be cancelled; and;

WHEREAS, despite all of the efforts of state, county, and municipal governments to mitigate the effects of this pandemic, to date, over one million Pennsylvanians have been afflicted with COVID-19 and 24,972 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, utility workers 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 second annual 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 to demonstrate such values.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matthew T. Shorraw, Mayor of the City of Monessen, do hereby proclaim Sunday May 2, 2021 to be Bells Across Pennsylvania Day in the City of Monessen, and call upon all residents, businesses and churches at 7:00 p.m. to ring bells or make other celebratory noise 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.




Matthew Shorraw
Mayor, City of Monessen