

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 8 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF 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 the 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, the elected officials of the Municipality of Willistown Township hereby proclaims:

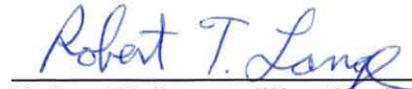
Sunday, May 2, 2021, as Bells Across Pennsylvania Day

and calls 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.

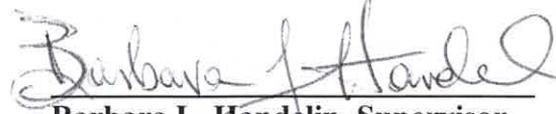
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