

**A Proclamation that the Borough of Collegeville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania,
Joins municipalities across the Commonwealth for
Bells Across Pennsylvania Day on May 3, 2020.**

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, Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins, Mayor of the Borough of Collegeville, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the members of Borough Council and the citizens of Collegeville, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 3, 2020 A.D. as Bells Across Pennsylvania Day and call upon all residents and churches at 7:00 p.m. for three minutes to honor their hometown heroes, rally with other Pennsylvanians on the frontlines of the COVID-19 battlefield and show resolve, when conditions are safe, to restore their local businesses and civic life to their former prominence.

PROCLAIMED by the Mayor of the Borough of Collegeville on this 28th Day of April of the Year 2020.

Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins, D.Min.

Mayor

Borough of Collegeville, Pennsylvania