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The Office of Mayor of Bernville Borough has issued a proclamation in support of “Bells Across Pennsylvania Day,” an initiative of the Pennsylvania State Mayors’ Association which will take place on **May 3, 2020**. The threefold purpose of the initiative is:

- To recognize and honor first responders, healthcare workers, and employees of grocery stores, pharmacies and other life-sustaining businesses who have maintained essential services while at risk of infection from COVID-19;
- To show solidarity with elected officials and residents of municipalities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all of whom are fighting COVID-19 on the frontlines together; and
- To demonstrate a collective resolve that Pennsylvanians will prevail over COVID-19 and work tirelessly to ensure that their businesses and civic life will thrive once again.

Mayors and other elected officials are being encouraged to hold whatever events “sheltering in place” will allow. Then at **7:00 p.m.**, all Pennsylvanians and churches will be encouraged to ring bells for three minutes – one minute for each of the above purposes. Attached is the Proclamation issued by Mayor Shawn A. Raup-Konsavage

Questions regarding the events occurring in Bernville Borough may be directed to Mayor Shawn A. Raup-Konsavage at (570)573-5677 or shawn@bernvilleborough.org

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A PROCLAMATION

BELLS ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA DAY

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, the Mayor of Bernville Borough hereby proclaims:

Sunday, May 3, 2020 as

Bells Across Pennsylvania Day

and calls 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 to restore their local businesses and civic life to their former prominence.

Shawn A. Raup-Konsavage,
Mayor