



PROCLAMATION

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 42,050 Pennsylvanians have been afflicted with COVID-19 and 1,597 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, Mayor David Burton, in concert with the Borough Council of the Borough of Malvern, hereby proclaim:

***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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David B. Burton".

David B. Burton

Mayor

Borough of Malvern, Chester County, Pennsylvania