

## **PROCLAMATION**

## Community Planning Month October 2017

WHEREAS, community planning is a dynamic and collaborative practice making Pennsylvania and its communities better by promoting sound land use, economic prosperity, healthy environment, and high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, community planning is a principal means by which all citizens can be involved in an open and democratic process of determining the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a long history of community planning dating from William Penn's plan for Philadelphia through comprehensive plans which today guide community improvement in all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties and 2/3 of its 2,560 municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the commonwealth promotes community planning and growing smarter initiatives throughout its various state agencies and funding programs; and

WHEREAS, the commonwealth wishes to publicly recognize the valuable contributions made by professional planners in both the public and private sectors, by over 10,000 citizen members of municipal and county planning commissions, and by the Pennsylvania State Planning Board, all of whom are dedicated to enhancing the character and quality of Pennsylvania and its communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Planning Association (APA) promotes October as National Community Planning Month and the Pennsylvania Chapter of APA is holding its annual statewide conference in the State College region October 22-24;

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania do hereby proclaim October 2017 as COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in recognition of the importance of community planning and the contributions of professional and citizen planners. I urge all citizens to become involved in the planning of their communities.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this eighth day of September two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred fortysecond.

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TOM WOLF Governor