

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, PA Heart & Soul is a statewide initiative by PA Humanities based on Community Heart & Soul (CH&S), a nationwide four-phase, resident-driven process that engages the entire population of a town in identifying what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it; and

WHEREAS, PA Heart & Soul utilizes the unique Community Heart & Soul (CH&S) process that centers resident leadership and experiences and is based on three powerful principles - involve everyone, focus on what matters most, and play the long game; and

WHEREAS, PA Heart & Soul, through this process, helps Pennsylvania municipalities move toward a brighter, more prosperous future by bringing community residents closer together; and

WHEREAS, this program transforms communities through initiatives such as creating new community spaces, energizing downtown areas, honoring history and culture, and more; and

WHEREAS, 53 cities, townships, and boroughs have participated in this process in the Commonwealth, brought to Pennsylvania by a unique and powerful partnership among PA Humanities, Community Heart & Soul, the Department of Community and Economic Development, the PA Route 6 Alliance, and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources;

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2025, as

COMMUNITY HEART & SOUL DAY

in recognition of ten years of this unique partnership and the hard work of Pennsylvania municipalities. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to learn more about the Community Heart & Soul process to improve the quality of life in their community.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this first day of May two thousand twenty-five, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-ninth.

Governor Josh Shapiro