



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

MINE RESCUE DAY
October 30, 2019

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is steeped in mining history spanning breadth of the commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, miners put themselves at risk every day, facing explosions, collapses, and seismicity. Many in the mining community have been called upon to rescue miners trapped by mine fires, explosions, roof falls, inundations of weather or harmful gases, and other emergency conditions in coal, metal, and nonmetal mines; and

WHEREAS, the number of times that mine rescue teams have placed their own safety and lives at risk to save others during our mining history is staggering. Many times, these rescuers travel miles in dark underground mine workings filled with debris and poisonous and explosive gasses after devastating disasters trying to find missing miners or recover those who did not survive; and

WHEREAS, mine disasters in the early years of the 20th century led to the creation of the U.S. Bureau of Mines in 1910. While we have made significant progress over the years, the need for mine rescue preparedness is far from over; and

WHEREAS, this past, present, and future group of dedicated Americans who place their own lives at risk to save others are worthy of recognition and honor.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, recognize October 30, 2019, as MINE RESCUE DAY and encourage all citizens to recognize the courageous mine rescuers who have given of themselves to bring safety to others.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-first day of October two thousand nineteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fourth.

Tom Wolf
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Governor