

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of St. Clair was incorporated by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania on April 6, 1850; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of St. Clair in 2025 will celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding; and,

**WHEREAS**, over the past 175 years, people or their ancestors immigrating from at least four continents have come to St. Clair to live or work, in great part because of the coal mining industry and related activities, and have contributed to the beautiful mosaic of peoples that we have always considered to be the essence of St. Clair; and,

**WHEREAS**, the deeply held religious beliefs held by our residents over the past 175 years have been reflected in the erection of 17 churches within the Borough and three others within one mile of the Borough representing various ethnic groups and religious denominations; and,

**WHEREAS**, during the past 175 years, the men and women of St. Clair have always answered the call of our national government for volunteers for our military, when our nation or our nation's obligations to the welfare of civilization have been in peril; and have made the supreme sacrifice on battlefields around the world in a heroic effort to sustain our American way of life and the great principles under which we are governed; and,

**WHEREAS**, many students from the public and parochial schools of the Borough of St. Clair have gone on to have successful careers and some have achieved national and even international recognition and acclaim reflecting well upon their education and upbringing in the Borough of St. Clair; and,

**WHEREAS**, near the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the governmental leaders in our Borough were farsighted in seeing the great possibilities of electric energy and therefore began to manufacture electricity for use by our residents and this led to the Borough of St. Clair gaining the official franchise to supply electricity to the residents of St. Clair thereby allowing the governmental bodies in St. Clair for the past 129+ years to use profits from the franchise to provide municipal services to the people of our borough that would otherwise be unaffordable; and,

**WHEREAS**, for the past 175 years St. Clair has been the home of various fraternal, civic, religious, social, athletic and veterans' groups who have contributed to the advancement of the quality of life for our residents,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025, I, Mayor Richard E. Tomko, do proclaim that the year 2025 be "Dodransbicentennial Year" in the Borough of St. Clair.



*Richard E. Tomko*

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Mayor