

# CITY OF WHEELING



CITY COUNTY BLDG., 1500 CHAPLINE STREET  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA 26003

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Wheeling was founded in 1769 by Colonel Ebenezer Zane and his two brothers. The town grew up around Fort Henry which was built in 1774; and

WHEREAS, The last battle of the Revolutionary War was fought at Wheeling between 42 inhabitants, who were within Fort Henry, a detachment of British Soldiers and 250 Indians. It was during this siege that the daring feat of Betty Zane occurred when she faced the fire of the besiegers to go out of Fort Henry and bring in powder from a log cabin some distance from the Fort. But for this act of heroism, the battle would probably have been lost; and

WHEREAS, the City had its original impetus due to the location near the head of navigation on the Ohio River; and

WHEREAS, For some time Wheeling was the Western terminal of the National Road, which was finished in Wheeling in 1818, Cumberland, Maryland being the Eastern end. The National Road was the most important avenue of Commerce over the mountains prior to the railroads and after its extension to Columbus, Indianapolis, and St. Louis, a constant stream of commerce flowed over the highway; and

WHEREAS, Wheeling was the first point reached by railroad on the Ohio River and was the western terminal of the Baltimore and Ohio, the first railroad to cross the Allegheny Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Wheeling was established as a town in 1795 and incorporated in 1836; and

WHEREAS, Wheeling is the County seat of Ohio County; and

WHEREAS, The first convention of the delegates from the loyal counties of Northwestern Virginia met in Wheeling on May 13, 1861, and inaugurated the movement which finally resulted in the admission of West Virginia into the Union as a State on June 20, 1863; and

WHEREAS, Wheeling was the Capitol of the new state from 1863 to 1870 when the capitol was moved to Charleston, where it has since remained.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Andy McKenzie, Mayor of the City of Wheeling, do hereby proudly proclaim March 11, 2016 as the 180<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Incorporation of our Great City of Wheeling, West Virginia and urge all of our citizens to realize the great sacrifices and heroic actions that our forefathers had to undergo to make Wheeling the great City that it is today.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Wheeling, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.



  
Andy McKenzie, Mayor