

# County of Montgomery



## Proclamation WORCESTER TOWNSHIP 275<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

- WHEREAS,* Worcester Township was formed in 1733 when 22 landowners with a combined 8,000-plus acres in what had been known as New Bristol petitioned the Court in Philadelphia to do so; and,
- WHEREAS,* Worcester Township, which predates the founding of both the United States and Montgomery County, retains the same geographic boundaries as originally established; and,
- WHEREAS,* The township was primarily woodlands in 1733, but three groups of immigrant Germans seeking religious freedom — the Schwenkfelders, the Mennonites and the Wentz's — settled in the area and farming soon transformed the landscape to the rural agricultural character it retains today; and,
- WHEREAS,* Since its founding, Worcester Township has played an integral part in the history of our region and our nation dating back to the Revolutionary War when General Washington and his troops marched across it several times, encamped at Peter Wentz Farmstead and buried casualties in the Bethel Hill Church cemetery; and,
- NOW, THEREFORE,* We, the Commissioners of Montgomery County, do hereby congratulate

### WORCESTER TOWNSHIP

on occasion of its 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and wish it continued success in the coming centuries.



James R. Matthews, Chairman

Joseph M. Hoeffel, Vice Chairman

Bruce L. Castor, Jr.

**County Commissioners**