Whereas, the Phoenixville Borough, situated in Chester County, Pennsylvania, United States, has a rich history dating back to its original settlement in 1732, evolving from the Manavon area to its incorporation as the Borough of Phoenixville in 1849; and

Whereas, Phoenixville's early economic growth was propelled by the establishment of the French Creek Nail Works in 1790, later renamed the Phoenix Iron Works, which became a leading producer of iron and steel products in the United States; and

Whereas, Phoenixville played a significant role in the American Revolution, with local residents actively participating in battles such as Germantown, Brandywine, and the encampment at Valley Forge, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to the nation's founding principles; and

Whereas, the cultural heritage of Phoenixville is preserved through landmarks such as the Colonial Theatre, known for its iconic role in the 1958 film "The Blob," and annual events like the Dogwood Festival and Firebird Festival, which celebrate the town's history and community spirit; and

Whereas, the 175th anniversary of the Phoenixville Borough is a testament to the enduring spirit and resilience of our residents, past and present, who have contributed to our growth, prosperity, and cultural vitality over the centuries.

Now, Therefore, I, Peter J. Urscheler, Mayor of the Borough of Phoenixville, do hereby proclaim this year beginning March 6, 2024, to be Phoenixville’s 175th Birthday in Phoenixville, and encourage all departments of government, businesses, and citizens of the Borough to join together in observing this year with appropriate ceremonies and activities to celebrate our joint impact and ongoing commitment to the Phoenixville Community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Mayor of Phoenixville this the twelfth day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, and of the Incorporation of the Borough of Phoenixville the one hundred and seventy-fifth year.

The Honorable Peter J. Urscheler
Mayor of the Borough of Phoenixville