



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

***LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK
October 20-26, 2019***

WHEREAS, lead is a naturally occurring element found in the environment, but exposure to it may result in long-term neurological damages, especially if it occurs during the critical stages of brain development in early childhood; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2017 American Community Survey estimate, Pennsylvania ranks fifth in the nation for the percentage of housing units identified as having been built before 1950, when lead was most prevalent; and

WHEREAS, as part of a statewide initiative to create a lead-free Pennsylvania, I have called for legislation for universal blood testing, increased local response efforts, created an interagency Lead-Free Pennsylvania workgroup to help break down silos and share valuable information, planned for training of more certified lead abatement professionals, and provided important resources to Pennsylvania's families regarding lead testing, lead poisoning, and lead remediation; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year I stood with a bipartisan group of legislative members to announce the Restore Pennsylvania proposal to invest \$4.5 billion over the next four years in significant, high-impact infrastructure projects throughout the commonwealth. Restore Pennsylvania will provide grants to abate lead contaminated paint found in schools, child care centers, and residences, and to remediate lead contamination in the drinking water of schools and child care centers; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to work together to maximize federal, state, and local resources to best tackle this public health concern and improve the quality of life in Pennsylvania for generations to come.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2019, as LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to spread awareness of this serious issue and support projects aimed at ending lead exposure across our commonwealth.



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

Tom Wolf
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Governor