

# County of Armstrong

## Proclamation

### Manor Township

WHEREAS, the ancient lands along the Allegheny River containing 89,000 acres were part of the 44 original manors left to William Penn's heirs, known as the "Manor at Kittanning" and contained within first Allegheny then Kittanning Township; these lands being held by the Penn family until 1804; from the earliest times these lands were also known as "Appleby Manor" by the Penn family, with "by" the German for "town;" using the name "Manor," this township was confirmed by the courts December 1849, with the first election March 1850; and,

WHEREAS, areas within this manor were important during the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War and subsequent Border Wars, including: the erection of Fort Armstrong in 1779 located 220 rods below Garrett's Run; Fort Run which was another 90 rods south of Fort Armstrong; Fort Hand in the vicinity; and Fort Green (actually a blockhouse) erected in 1791 in present Rosston; and,

WHEREAS, early settlers included George Cook, Jeremiah Cook Sr. then William Green who arrived from Fayette County by 1787; that Green and his three sons established themselves at Rosston and built a tubmill for grinding grain, one of the first in the region; and,

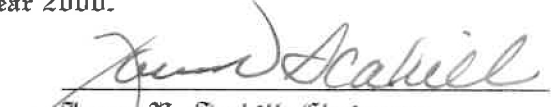
WHEREAS, one of the earliest schools in the entire county was established north of Appleby Manor Church in a log cabin by 1802, with Harrison Cook the first teacher; and,

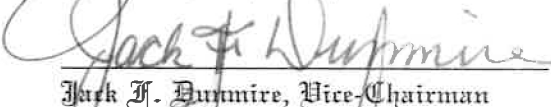
WHEREAS, many villages and towns were created throughout this township, including: Ford City, Ford Cliff, Manorville, Edgewood, Rosston, Pattonville, Rossford, and Manor Heights; and,


WHEREAS, this year Manor Township is celebrating its Sesquicentennial in the year 2000, which so happens to also be the County of Armstrong's Bicentennial;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Armstrong recognizes the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Manor Township, congratulates its citizens for such an unique milestone and do hereby proclaim the Year 2000 as "Manor Township's Sesquicentennial."

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the Year 2000.

  
James H. Sealhill, Chairman

  
Jack F. Dummire, Vice-Chairman

  
Homer G. Crytzer, Secretary

Attest:

  
Judy Rupp, Chief Clerk

