

Crawford County Resolution

A Resolution:

Designating the month of August, 2008 and each August hereafter as “***Oil Heritage Month***” in Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, On August 27, 1859, “Colonel” Edwin L. Drake drilled the world’s first commercial oil well near Titusville, Pennsylvania, striking oil at 69½ feet; and

WHEREAS, The world’s modern Oil and Gas industry was thus born on the banks of Pennsylvania’s Oil Creek in Crawford and Venango Counties; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvanians were the pioneers of the world’s oil industry, creating the first oil tank car, oil pipeline, methods of refining oil, and other industry innovations; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of Pennsylvania were leaders in the building of the United States through the development of the petroleum industry which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, Oil and natural gas are currently produced in Crawford County by Pennsylvania’s independent producers; and

WHEREAS, Oil and gas will continue to play a vital role in Crawford County’s future and economy since Pennsylvania currently has approximately 14 million barrels of proven crude oil reserves remaining to be produced and an estimated 2.8 trillion cubic feet of proven natural gas reserves in the ground awaiting development; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Governor Robert P. Casey designated a 708-square mile area in Crawford and Venango counties as the Pennsylvania Oil Heritage Region; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the United States Congress designated the same territory as the Oil Region National Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, Everyday Pennsylvanians use oil-based products like gasoline, medicine, plastics, cosmetics and others to enhance their daily lives;

WHEREAS, The Oil 150 celebration provides the citizens of Crawford County with the opportunity to establish a lasting commemoration of their oil legacy; and

Therefore be it *RESOLVED*, that the Commissioners of Crawford County designate the month of August 2008 and August of each year hereafter as “***Oil Heritage Month***” and encourage residents and visitors alike to observe and take pride in Crawford County’s and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s continuing oil legacy.

Signed:

Morris W. Waid, Chairman

Jack M. Preston, Commissioner

C. Sherman Allen, Commissioner

Adopted: July 17, 2008