

## Venango County Resolution # 2008- 13

### *A Resolution:*

Designating the month of August, 2008 and each August hereafter as “***Oil Heritage Month***” in Venango 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 Venango and Crawford 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 Venango County by Pennsylvania’s independent producers; and

*WHEREAS*, Oil and gas will continue to play a vital role in Venango 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 including all of Venango County and eastern Crawford County 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, medicines, plastics, cosmetics and others to enhance their daily lives; and

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

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

Adopted: July 22, 2008

Signed:

Timothy Brooks  
Chairman

Jan Beichner  
Commissioner

Troy Wood  
Commissioner