



the city of **Lancaster**
a city authentic

PROCLAMATION

SUNSHINE WEEK IN LANCASTER

WHEREAS, trust and confidence in Government can happen only if Public and Elected Officials deliberate in a manner that is open, inclusive, and transparent; and

WHEREAS, policy deliberations are enriched by public expression and exchange of differing views and perspectives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster believes that democracy is strengthened by an informed and engaged citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Lancaster City's Public and Elected Officials strive to fulfill their ethical obligation to provide the means by which citizens may become informed participants in Government deliberations; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has codified this obligation into statutes commonly referred to as Sunshine and Open Records Laws; and

WHEREAS, these Laws serve to establish and safeguard the Public's right to access information and to participate in government deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania News Media Association has been a longtime champion for the Public's right to access information and to participate in government deliberations, and the Association is raising public awareness of the value and importance of open government with its Sunshine Week initiative;

***NOW, THEREFORE,** I, J. Richard Gray, Mayor of the City of Lancaster, do hereby Proclaim March 13th through March 19th, two thousand and sixteen, "**Sunshine Week**" in the City of Lancaster as a demonstration of our commitment to diligently pursue actions that exemplify openness and transparency in City government throughout the year.*

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this City to be affixed.

J. Richard Gray, Mayor
March 11, 2016

