

County of Lehigh

Pennsylvania

Board of Commissioners

Resolution

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**MARKING THE 175th ANNIVERSARY OF BOGERT'S BRIDGE,
THE ONLY REMAINING COVERED BRIDGE IN ALLENTOWN**

WHEREAS, in 1841, Bogert's Bridge was built to span the Little Lehigh River and join two parcels of what was then the Bogert family farm; and

WHEREAS, that bridge – of the Burr-Truss design – was made of hemlock and pine with the main frame held together by a system of mortise and tenon joints and wooden pegs; and

WHEREAS, despite heavy damage caused by numerous traffic accidents over the years, the bridge remained standing until a light rain brought down a third of the roof and the bridge to the brink of total destruction; and

WHEREAS, public outcry and a concerted effort to save the bridge prompted Governor George M. Leader to have the Pennsylvania Department of Highways restore the bridge by 1958 and to restrict its use to pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians only.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners does hereby join all people in marking the

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And offers its best wishes that citizens visiting Little Lehigh Parkway enjoy a stroll through the bridge – and back in time – for many years to come.

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