



Office of the Mayor

# The City of Morgantown

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## Proclamation

Whereas, Morgantown enjoys a rich legacy left to its citizens by generations of hard working people whose courage tamed the frontier, whose innovation built industry, whose values grew a strong middle class, whose loyalty provided education, and whose strength made Morgantown a leader among cities; and

Whereas, The hardworking nature of Morgantown's citizens is rightly revered as only one facet of its people. After the workday, the people of Morgantown always enthusiastically treat themselves to well-earned rest and relaxation. The first Monongahela County fairs near the Kerns Family Fort, bocce competitions in Italian neighborhoods, ball games in streets and alleys, school rivalries, and friends playing games, making music, and exchanging stories in local taverns and homes are all examples of how Morgantown's people have bound themselves into a close-knit, extended family sharing competition and sportsmanship; and

Whereas, Sports and recreation have served a vital role building the Morgantown community; and it will continue. The Morgantown History Museum, Museum Commission, and Smithsonian Institution will investigate sports and recreation in Morgantown during a yearlong study to shed light on how the community has broken social, economic, and cultural lines creating a proud set of traditions and values making the soul of the people; and

Whereas, The role of Community Sports is vital to the strength of the community;

Now therefore, I, Jenny Selin, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia do hereby proclaim the year 2014 to be

## The Year of Community Sports

In the City of Morgantown and urge all boards, commissions, associations, and civic organizations to add an element of friendly competition to each activity throughout The Year of Community Sports and to reflect on exemplary sportsmanship and its priceless value to our community.

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Jenny Selin, Mayor