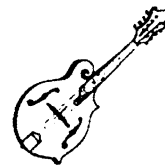


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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ohio County is a community in Western Kentucky, a region with many rich assets, including our land, water, heritage and people, who have for more than 100 years provided the coal that has fueled the United States; and

WHEREAS, many Kentucky communities are experiencing economic distress with the decline of the coal industry and mining jobs; and

WHEREAS, we believe a transition to a healthy, just and sustainable economy is possible, and that active leadership and investments are needed to generate meaningful jobs; protect and restore land and water; and ensure the well-being of workers, families and communities, especially our miners who dedicated and risked their lives to work in the coal industry; and

WHEREAS, benefits are needed for said miners health, pension, and otherwise;

NOW, THEREFORE, I David Johnston, Judge Executive of Ohio County, Kentucky urge on behalf of Ohio County the passage of the Black Lung Disability Trust Find by maintaining the excise fee at its current level; and the bipartisan RECLAIM Act(H.R. 1731) revitalization of coal communities; and the bipartisan American miners Pension Act (H.R. 3913/S. 1911) ensuring the UMWA's 1974 Pension Plan continues to pay retired miner and spouses their pensions.

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Attest