

PROCLAMATION

In celebration of the 87th Anniversary of the Supreme Court of the United States decision in *National Labor Relations Board v. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation* on the twelfth day of April, nineteen thirty-seven.

WHEREAS, Congress passed the National Labor Relations Act, colloquially known as the Wagner Act, this bill was signed into law by President Franklin Roosevelt on July 5, 1935. A new national labor policy was born. It established the basic rights of private-sector employees to organize into unions, to engage in collective bargaining, and to strike;

WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter in 1936, ten employees at Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, bravely decided to join the Steelworkers Organizing Committee and were fired for their organizing activities;


WHEREAS, Despite claims from Jones & Laughlin that the Wagner Act was unconstitutional, the newly assembled National Labor Relations Board fought all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States to enforce the new law;

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Wagner Act by a 5-4 vote, solidifying the foundation of the modern labor movement and creating a lasting positive impact on working people in Aliquippa and across the United States;

WHEREAS, We must never forget the bravery and tenacity of those ten men from Aliquippa, who took on enormous personal risk and consequently changed the course of the American labor movement;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Dwan B. Walker, Mayor of the City of Aliquippa do hereby honor the legacy and importance of the good people of Aliquippa in the story of this landmark Supreme Court decision on the twelfth day of April, nineteen thirty-seven.

GIVEN MY HAND AND SEAL THIS TWELFTH DAY OF APRIL THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR.



Dwan B. Walker
Mayor, City of Aliquippa

