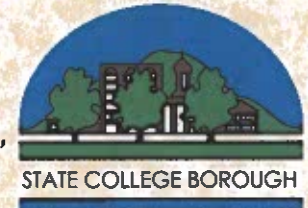


Proclamation

*IN HONOR OF MR. WALLACE TRIPLETT
December 2018*



WHEREAS, Wallace Triplett, who passed away on November 8, 2018, was the first African-American to start for the Penn State Nittany Lions football team on November 17, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Triplett, along with Dennis Hoggard, was one the first African-Americans to play in the Cotton Bowl. Mr. Triplett caught the touchdown pass that allowed Penn State to tie that game 13-13, and he was inducted into the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame this year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Triplett was one of the founding members of the Penn State Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, the first African-American, intercollegiate Greek-lettered fraternity; and


WHEREAS, in 1949, Mr. Triplett became the first African-American selected in the NFL draft to play in a league game and for that reason, his portrait hangs in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, by standing up for his rights and for players' rights, Mr. Triplett set an example for both the Penn State and State College communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Donald M. Hahn, am pleased to recognize and celebrate the life of Mr. Wallace Triplett for his time at Penn State and in State College and for his inspiring example of courage and persistence.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the great seal of the Borough of State College, this 3rd day of December 2018.





Mayor Donald M. Hahn
December 3, 2018