

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Proclamation

The 167th anniversary of the birth of Henry George, the famous American economist born in Philadelphia, will be celebrated on September 2, 2006. This great thinker, author and statesman wrote about and spoke out against economic inequality. His books are still read by millions of college students around the world.

His classic work, *Progress and Poverty* — hailed by economists for its original and provocative ideas — continues to influence public policy in such countries as Denmark, England, Australia and New Zealand. In the United States, George's philosophies influenced such areas as property assessment, special taxes on land values, single tax enclaves and public land policy.

A Georgist movement continues today, with increased interest in the idea of shifting property tax to land values. In 1998, Pennsylvania enacted legislation to permit the 1,000 commonwealth boroughs to adopt the two-tier property-tax rate system. The state of Virginia also passed legislation for its jurisdictions to collect higher taxes on land value and lower rates on improvements.

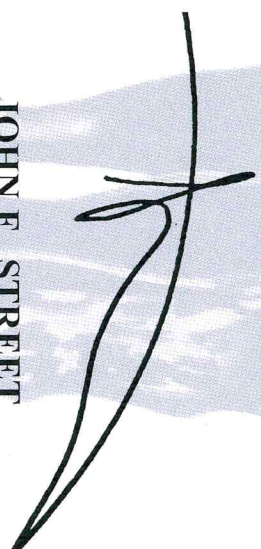
This year, the Clairton School Board in Pennsylvania has adopted the homeowner- and business-friendly form of property tax called Land Value Taxation, all of which can be attributed to Henry George.

THEREFORE ...

I, John F. Street, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 2, 2006, as

HENRY GEORGE DAY

in Philadelphia, and I urge all citizens to recognize the Henry George School of Social Science and Birthplace Museum on the 167th anniversary of this prominent economist.



JOHN F. STREET
Mayor



Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Philadelphia this second day of September, two thousand and six.