

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ms. Jessie Head, born on Wednesday, November 23, 1910, will celebrate her 104th birthday this year; deeply appreciated and loved by her family and friends, they join together today to wish her a happy birthday and many more wonderful years ahead; and

WHEREAS, born in Forsythe, Georgia, Ms. Head grew up in a rural area and still speaks with a southern accent; her family had a garden which she would tend to, and her mother taught her to cook from the vegetables they grew; Ms. Head later became a pastry cook at one of the local colleges in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Head moved to the Pittsburgh area in the early 1940s and worked as a housekeeper, cook, and mother; she later became the head cook at her church, Metropolitan Baptist Church, where she became well-known for her rolls; she has been blessed with five children: Mary Heath, Ella Mae Carter, Linda Moreland, David Head, and Florinita Ogletree, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, later in life, Ms. Head spent some time living with her daughter, Ella Mae in California, and then in Georgia with another one of her daughters; today, she lives in the Pittsburgh area and enjoys attending LIFE Pittsburgh's North Shore Adult Day Program, going to church every Sunday, and watching television; Ms. Head, known to others for her optimism, is also proud to tell those around her that this is her 105th birthday – as she celebrates the year going forward, not the year behind.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby wish Ms. Jessie Head a very happy 104th / 105th birthday, as well as health and happiness in all her years to come.

FURTHERMORE, I do hereby encourage all fellow residents, family and friends to pay tribute to Ms. Head on her birthday, as we celebrate this milestone with her.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 23rd day of November, 2014.

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