

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, as part of the American Heart Association's initiative to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease the first Friday in February has been recognized as "Wear Red Day" and the month of February as "National Heart Month;" and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association has a mission to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular disease and stroke; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 43 million women in the U.S. are affected by heart disease with it causing one in three women's deaths each year; more women die each year of heart disease than of any form of cancer; unfortunately, Hispanic women are likely to develop heart disease 10 years earlier than Caucasian women and it is the leading cause of death for African American women; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, "Go Red for Women" was launched to inform and empower women to take charge of their heart health; the funds raised through this campaign go toward education programs to increase women's understanding about their risk for heart disease and support research to discover scientific knowledge about heart health; and

WHEREAS, since the first national "Wear Red Day" tremendous strides have been made in the fight against heart disease: 21% fewer women are dying from heart disease, 23% more women are aware that it is their number one health threat, and legislation has been passed to help end gender disparities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim February 7, 2014 as "Wear Red Day" and the month of February as "Heart Month" in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 1st day of February, 2014.

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