

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

**RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Celebrate & Share* was founded in 2002 by Bonnie DiCarlo and JoAnn R. Forrester to feature the achievements of women and raise funds for organizations that focus on the needs of women and children in the Pittsburgh area; and

WHEREAS, the 9th Annual *Celebrate & Share Women of Achievement Awards* will be held on March 6, 2014 at the Omni William Penn Hotel with proceeds benefitting *Cribs for Kids* in Allegheny County; and

WHEREAS, *Cribs for Kids Infant Safe Sleep Initiative* was founded in 1998 in Pittsburgh by Stephen A. Zappala, Jr., Judith Bannon, Mayor Bob O'Connor, and Gwen Elliot, to eliminate accidental, sleep-related infant deaths due to unsafe sleep environments and to decrease infant mortality rates throughout Pennsylvania; now a national initiative, *Cribs for Kids* has more than 450 Partner Programs throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, this year's awards will be presented to 26 prominent women of achievement for their outstanding accomplishments; the honorees include: Abby Bolton, Regina Broudy, Darieth Chisholm, Chris Cieslak, Rosann Cusumano Elinsky, Joann Cusumano Sculli, Deborah Flaberty, Alma Speed Fox, Jane Grebenc, LaVerne Darnell, Dr. Karen Hacker, Mary Jo Harwood, Deborah Linhart, Charlotte Lott, Carol Mitchell, Josephine Moore, Carol Neyland, Marianne Oliver, Titina Ott, Diane Pearson, Donna Peterman, Michele Rice, Eleanor Schano, Joan Stein, Christy Uffelman, and Debra Valentine-Gray; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is extremely fortunate to have *Celebrate & Share* and *Cribs for Kids* in our community and is grateful for all they do for our residents; the organizations provide unmatched services to women and children in our region and their efforts are commended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2014 as "*Celebrate & Share Women of Achievement Day*" 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 6th day of March, 2014.

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