

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Riley Carl Davis, III was born on January 11, 1946; he was an honor student at Westinghouse High School and served his country during the Vietnam War as a member of the United States Navy's elite group of Corpsmen and Helicopter Medical Evacuators - Medic E-4; and

**WHEREAS**, when he returned home from Vietnam in 1966, Riley quickly went to work at Westinghouse Electric; during his time there, he worked in many capacities including customer service, quality control, and a telephone repairman; in 1978 he accepted a position with the Pepsi Cola Company as a Route Supervisor and quickly moved up the ranks to eventually become the Marketing Equipment Director; and

**WHEREAS**, Riley pursued two college degrees; in 1972, he received a bachelor of science degree in Math and Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh, and in 1986, he received a master of science degree in Public Management from Carnegie Mellon University; and

**WHEREAS**, Riley tried his hand in a new business operation when he and a friend, upcoming fashion designer Louis Jones, created an African American clothing manufacturing company called "Sir Louis of New York;" Riley spearheaded the company's business operations and they eventually found themselves designing for prominent individuals, including the Isley Brothers, the Detroit Emeralds, and Faith, Hope and Charity; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to give back to the community, Riley created a Mobile Food Bus that traveled through the Pittsburgh neighborhoods of Homewood, the Hill District, and the West End; in 1990, he collaborated with Dr. Helen Davis to build Comprehensive Eye Care Centers which provided examinations, testing, prescriptions, lenses, and frames.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of Mr. Riley Davis on his passing; Riley was a valued and respected member of the community and will be deeply missed; his memory will live on through all the lives he touched.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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