

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *The Duquesne University School of Nursing PhD program is celebrating its 20th anniversary on Monday, May 19, 2014; in honor of this exciting milestone, the school is hosting a special reception with a presentation by Angela McBride, Distinguished Professor-University Dean Emerita, Indiana University School of Nursing; and*

WHEREAS, *in 1994, a doctor of philosophy (PhD) in nursing program of part-time, evening course work was initiated for students with work or family commitments that prohibited full-time study; and*

WHEREAS, *in 1997, coinciding with an expanding international role, the School of Nursing decided to make the program available to nurses throughout the United States and abroad when it began a distance learning experiment, admitting a class of doctoral students with the guarantee that all their required courses could be completed online; when the school decided to implement the online program, it became the first totally online PhD program in the country; and*

WHEREAS, *since its beginning, the School of Nursing PhD program has graduated 106 nurse scholars, whose cohorts include among its ranks clinical leaders, faculty, deans, and Chief Nursing Officers; and*

WHEREAS, *Allegheny County is fortunate to be the home of the Duquesne University School of Nursing PhD program and is proud of the unparalleled education it has provided to students in our community and around the world over the past 20 years.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate the Duquesne University School of Nursing PhD program on this exciting anniversary and wish the board, staff, and students all the best in the years to come!*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 19th day of May, 2014.*

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