

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elsie Hillman is a name that resonates far and wide, but holds a special place in the hearts of many Pittsburghers; best known for her passion for gender equity in politics, Mrs. Hillman has supported women and their efforts for equality in all aspects of their lives for decades; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hillman attended the Ellis School, graduated from the Ethel Walker School, and studied at Westminster Choir College; she has also been awarded nine honorary degrees; she married her husband, Henry Hillman, in 1945, and in 1952 she began her career in politics by volunteering as one of "Ike's Girls" during the Dwight D. Eisenhower presidential campaign; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Mrs. Hillman won her first election when she became a Republican Committee Member for the City of Pittsburgh's 14th Ward; subsequently, she held many leadership roles in the Republican Party and devoted much of her time and efforts to this along with her involvement with various community groups and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hillman, along with several other women, formed the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the International Women's Forum; the Forum advances leadership across careers, cultures, and continents by connecting the world's most preeminent women of significant achievement; her desire to support women and see them succeed has always been at the heart of everything she has done; and

WHEREAS, the women of Allegheny County have had one of the most truly remarkable role models to emulate in Mrs. Hillman; her contributions to our community are irreplaceable and her activism is admired; we are thankful for everything Mrs. Hillman has done for our region and are particularly grateful that she calls Allegheny County home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim June 11, 2014 as "Elsie Hillman 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 11th day of June, 2014.

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