

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Forbes Hospice of West Penn Hospital is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year and will commemorate this milestone on May 21, 2014 at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, the Forbes Hospice team of caregivers offers a compassionate, loving approach to meeting the needs of patients and their families; in the very early days of the program, the team cared for an average of five patients each day; today, they care for an average of 125 patients each day and serve 1,600 new patients each year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ann Giorgi has been a longtime volunteer with Forbes Hospice; she initially got involved in the program when her pastor encouraged her to participate in the training program that was being offered; Ann was in the second class of volunteers in 1981 and began her volunteer work by doing patient care; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, she started volunteering with the bereavement support program for families; she is available as a friend and support partner who talks with primary caregivers; Ann is able to listen when families are burdened with care giving and emotional stress, and can offer additional support and provide information; and

WHEREAS, Forbes Hospice has been a source of hope and comfort to many of our residents over the past 35 years; the staff and volunteers take their time to address all of a family's medical and emotional needs and provide the proper support that is needed and we are thankful for their presence in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Forbes Hospice on its 35th anniversary and thank Ms. Ann Giorgi for her compassion and dedicated service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 21st day of May, 2014.

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