

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Garden Writers Association (GWA) is hosting its 66th annual symposium in Pittsburgh on August 8-11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the GWA is a non-profit association that provides leadership and opportunities for education, recognition, career development and a forum for diverse interactions for professionals in the field of gardening communications; and

WHEREAS, boasting a membership of over 1,800 professional communicators in the lawn and garden industry, the GWA's symposium will consist of a pre-symposium workshop, a Green Walk, various exhibits and vendors, multiple keynote sessions, a riverboat cruise, and a tour of Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a "flash mob" at Schenley Plaza, during which 500 seed packets will be donated; the GWA also supports "Plant a Row for the Hungry," which is an establishment of community gardens that help supplement fresh fruit and vegetables at food banks and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is proud to have several outlets for gardening in our county parks, including greenhouses, demonstration gardens, and classes; additionally, we look forward to celebrating our gardens in May 2015, with the declaration of "Plant Something Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby welcome all those attending the Garden Writers Symposium to Allegheny County and wish you the best for a fun and educational symposium!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 8th day of August, 2014.

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