

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, the “Great American Smokeout” falls each year on the third Thursday in November, and this year will be celebrated on November 20; each year smokers are encouraged to use the date to make a plan to quit, or to plan in advance and quit smoking that day; and*

***WHEREAS**, by quitting — even for one day — smokers will be taking an important step towards a healthier life; the U.S. Surgeon General has said that smoking remains the single most preventable cause of premature death in our society, yet about 42 million Americans still smoke cigarettes which is a bit under 1 in every 5 adults; and*

***WHEREAS**, in years past, millions of smokers have participated in the American Cancer Society’s Great American Smokeout, a day on which they give up cigarettes for 24 hours in the hope they may quit for good; and*

***WHEREAS**, Tobacco Free Allegheny has a mission to change the community norms surrounding tobacco, making it uncommon to see, use or be negatively affected by tobacco or tobacco smoke pollution (secondhand and third hand smoke); and*

***WHEREAS**, representatives from Tobacco Free Allegheny will be located in Allegheny County’s County Office Building and in the Lexington Facility to provide information about the Great American Smokeout, quitting smoking, and preventing the use of tobacco products.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 20, 2014 as the day of the “Great American Smokeout” 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 20th day of November, 2014.*

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