

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh is hosting its annual interfaith banquet and Humanity Day on Sunday, July 13, 2014; this event is held each year during the month of Ramadan, a time when friends and neighbors of all faiths can come together and celebrate members of the community who are strengthening the bonds of humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh has a mission to shape the American-Muslim identity by educating, empowering, and uniting Pittsburgh's dynamic and diverse community; the Center provides quality religious, educational, and social services in a culturally respectful environment; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, the Center has chosen to honor Dr. Marinus Chijioko Iwuchukwu for his work to develop respect and mutual understanding of different faiths and culture traditions; Dr. Iwuchukwu is the current director of the Duquesne University Christian-Muslim Dialogue Consortium, and also serves as the International Outreach Editor for the Journal of Interreligious Dialogue; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Iwuchukwu is a published author and has presented academic papers in dozens of national and international conferences; most recently, his published works include Muslim-Christian Dialogue in Postcolonial Northern Nigeria: The Challenges of Inclusive Cultural and Religious Pluralism; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is home to a very diverse population which allows for different viewpoints and ways of life to be expressed; it is important for us to learn from one another and we are grateful for Dr. Iwuchukwu's work in building understanding throughout our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim July 13, 2014 as "Humanity Day" in Allegheny County and thank Dr. Iwuchukwu for his contributions to mutual respect and understanding.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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