

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, *International Holocaust Remembrance Day is held on January 27 of each year; it is a day for the world to pause and remember the millions of people who were murdered or whose lives were forever changed by the Holocaust; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in 2005, the United Nations adopted a resolution rejecting any denial of the Holocaust as a historical event, either in full or in part, and condemning "without reserve" all manifestations of religious intolerance, incitement, harassment or violence against persons or communities based on ethnic origin or religious belief, whenever they occur; the resolution also designated January 27, the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp, as an annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust; and*

**WHEREAS**, *on this day, Member States of the United Nations are encouraged to develop educational programs to instill the memory of the tragedy in future generations and in order to help prevent future acts of genocide; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in recognition of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, The Community Foundation of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio, along with the Holocaust Center, has asked religious institutions to remember victims as part of their weekly services, and is collecting funds for the Holocaust Awareness Fund of the Community Foundation to develop its facility and support Holocaust Awareness activities.*

**WHEREAS**, *today, Allegheny County joins with all those whose lives were affected by the Holocaust; we remember their strength, courage, and bravery, and will continuously work to make sure their stories are remembered.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2014 as "International Holocaust Remembrance 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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