

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *The Honorable Frank J. Lucchino is retiring from the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh's Board of Trustees as a Life Trustee after 20-plus years of leadership, including serving as Board Chair; in honor of his work, the Carnegie Library is hosting a celebration on Friday, May 2, 2014; and*

WHEREAS, *Judge Lucchino was the first person to be named as Board Chair of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh after it became independent from the Carnegie Museums in 2003; he has served as a passionate advocate for libraries at the local, county, and national levels; and*

WHEREAS, *appointed by President Clinton as a member of the United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, Judge Lucchino has always exhibited great enthusiasm for libraries; while he was Controller of Allegheny County, he authored "A Quiet Crisis," which detailed the plight of public libraries in our county and led to many improvements including countywide library computerization and the establishment of the Allegheny County Library Association; and*

WHEREAS, *Judge Lucchino conceived of and initiated "Knowledge Connections," which are mini-libraries with computers in several Allegheny County public housing communities, including: Braddock, Duquesne, McKees Rocks, Natrona Heights, Rankin, Robinson Township, and West Mifflin; he also helped to launch the library's first ever capital campaign that raised over \$58 million to build or renovate many library branches that had suffered years of neglect; and*

WHEREAS, *in recognition of his dedication to the library system, a special endowment, the Frank J. Lucchino KIDS Fund, has been created and will support innovative ideas and pilot projects in library service that help prepare young children for school and life success.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby thank The Honorable Frank J. Lucchino for all he has done for the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. His impact and leadership will never be forgotten.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 2nd day of May, 2014.*

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