

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

***WHEREAS,** Luke Smorey is currently a senior at Baldwin High School and has excelled in his athletic ability and sportsmanship; and*

***WHEREAS,** Luke is the defending WPLAL Class AAA javelin champion and had a career-best throw of 200 feet, 3 inches at that competition; he finished third in the PLAA championships; additionally, he is an outstanding football player; Luke is a wide-receiver and was named to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's South Xtra Fabulous 22 team in the fall of 2013; and*

***WHEREAS,** recently, Luke has made national news for the virtue he exudes; he overcame Group A Strep, an aggressive, flesh-eating bacteria that caused permanent damage to his right elbow in 2012; because of this, he was selected as one of 100 finalists for the Air National Guard/USA Today High School Sports Inspiration Contest; and*

***WHEREAS,** after advancing through the first round of the contest by online voting, Luke learned about another finalist, Dominique Cooks; Dominique is a senior at Decatur High School in Washington state who had to give up football and basketball due to an inoperable brain tumor; Luke was touched by this story and emailed Baldwin High School officials, as well as posting on social media, to ask for his supporters to vote for Dominique; and*

***WHEREAS,** Allegheny County is extremely proud to be the home of inspirational young people such as Luke Smorey; he is an example to his peers and all of our residents; we are proud of his selflessness and the impact he has had on our community.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby commend Luke Smorey for his sportsmanship and humility. We look forward to the many great things he will accomplish.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 16th day of April, 2014.*

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