

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the fifth annual National Robotics Week will be held April 5-13, 2014; in honor of this celebration of robotics technology, AlphaLab Gear is hosting an event featuring innovative speakers and a company showcase on Wednesday, April 9; and

**WHEREAS**, National Robotics Week was originally designated thanks to the work of U.S. Congressman Mike Doyle and House Resolution 1055; initiated in 2010, the inaugural week included 50 affiliated events around the country; this number has continued to grow and now includes more than 150 events in all 50 states; and

**WHEREAS**, the week serves to celebrate the U.S. as a leader in robotics technology development, educate the public about how robotics technology impacts society, both now and in the future, advocate for increased funding for robotics technology research and development, and inspire students of all ages to pursue careers in robotics and other Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math-related fields ; and

**WHEREAS**, AlphaLab Gear, launched in the fall of 2013 by Innovation Works, is a hardware and robotic startup accelerator that provides physical product companies with investment, mentorship and connections; the organization leverages their experience and network to help entrepreneurs make rapid progress through the early stages of product and customer development; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is proud to recognize the work of AlphaLab Gear and to celebrate National Robotics Week; robotics technology has been essential to the United States and we are proud of the home it has in 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 April 5-13, 2014 as "National Robotics Week" 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

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