

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, when Older Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthdays; about a third of older Americans lived in poverty and there were few programs to meet their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2010 census, 277,897 citizens ages 60 and older call Allegheny County home; regardless of age and ability, the County is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with this year's national theme, "Safe Today, Healthy Tomorrow;" older Americans play a vital role in our community and act as mentors, teachers, friends, and inspirations to all those with whom they interact; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of Older Americans Months, the Allegheny County Department of Human Services' Area Agency on Aging is hosting a number of events with its contracted senior center providers including a Cinco de Mayo party, vintage fashion show and lunch, dance, tea, "sock hop," and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is thankful for the contributions older Americans make to our community; all senior adults should be able to live safe, healthy, and independent lives, and through various programs and initiatives, we strive to make this dream possible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as "Older Americans Month" 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2014.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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