

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Aviation Animal Rescue Team (PAART) is hosting its largest fundraiser to date on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at the Allegheny County Airport; pilots, volunteers and animal lovers will come together for an evening of food, fun, and music; and

WHEREAS, the idea for PAART began in 2006 when pilot Brad Childs did a favor for a friend and picked up a bulldog named Monte who was brought to a family waiting to adopt him; in July 2009, Brad and his friend, Jonathan Plesset, used their companies Eyetique and the Shadyside Inn Suites, to raise money for an animal shelter in Georgia that was running out of food; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Brad, his wife, Linda, and Jonathan formally applied as a non-profit charity, achieving this status in November 2013; the team picks up animals from shelters and delivers them to their new homes in addition to dropping off food and supplies at shelters in need; they have flown hundreds of animals since the inception of PAART, the majority of which are dogs, but have also been known to have the occasional cat, duck, pig, or python; and

WHEREAS, PAART leaves from the Allegheny County Airport in a single-engine Piper Warrior; it serves the areas of Akron, Buffalo, Charleston, WV, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Erie, and Harrisburg, just to name a few locations; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2012, PAART has been involved in a growing Community Outreach campaign and has hosted school-aged children at the Allegheny County Airport to learn about animal rescue and aviation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 6, 2014 as "Pittsburgh Aviation Animal Rescue Team 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 6th day of September, 2014.

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