

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative Extension of The Pennsylvania State University is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Thursday, May 8, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, this date marks the centennial of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act which established the Cooperative Extension, the nationwide transformational education system operating through Land-Grant universities in partnership with federal, state, and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative Extension has been a supportive partner with Allegheny County and has provided engaging and educational programs, classes, and expos to our residents; the Cooperative Extension has offered master gardener classes, food preservation workshops, soil test kits, and a tree tenders training program, just to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative Extension engages with urban and rural learners through practical, community-based, and online approaches, resulting in the acquisition of knowledge, skills and motivation to strengthen the profitability of small businesses, protect natural resources, help residents make healthful lifestyle choices, ensure a safe and abundant food supply, encourage community vitality, and grow the next generation of leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is fortunate to have the Cooperative Extension in our community and for the educational resource it has been to our citizens; we are happy to celebrate this exciting milestone anniversary and look forward to the many more great things the Cooperative Extension will accomplish.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate the Cooperative Extension, its staff, and volunteers on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the program.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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