

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, *Talk Magazine* has chosen to honor Mr. Arthur W. Outen, Jr. as a 2014 Black History Month Awardee for his dedication and tireless work to educate, uplift, and enrich the lives of the Pittsburgh community through his personal work and volunteerism; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Outen is a native of Columbia, South Carolina and is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School; he joined the United States Navy during World War II and served in the North and South Pacific as an Ammo and Demolition Technician; after his discharge, Mr. Outen met his wife, Hazel, in Pittsburgh and they relocated to Columbia where he attended Benedict College; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Outen received a master's degree in education and mathematics from South Carolina State University and subsequently became a teacher; after teaching in South Carolina, he moved back to Pittsburgh where he taught at Westinghouse High School until 1968 when he moved on to become the first black principal at Schenley High School; he continued to serve in various capacities in the education system until 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Outen's passion for education has been evident throughout his career and volunteer service; he has been involved with the United Negro College Fund, the Inter-Alumni Council for UNCF College in the Pittsburgh Area, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Black Principals Organization, just to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is proud to recognize the work of Mr. Outen and all he has done for our community; his efforts have not gone unnoticed and we are thankful for his service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Mr. Arthur W. Outen, Jr. on being chosen as a 2014 Black History Month Awardee.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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