

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Nasrin Oryakhil has been chosen as a recipient of the prestigious Secretary of State's Award for International Women of Courage; and

**WHEREAS**, this recognition of women around the globe who have shown exceptional courage and leadership in advocating for women's rights and empowerment, often at great personal risk, is an important way to honor the heroic work done to advance freedom, equality, opportunity and dignity for all; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 2007, the annual Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Award, allows the United States to honor the endeavors of extraordinary women worldwide who are playing transformative roles in their societies; this year is the 103<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of International Women's Day and we are proud to recognize the work of this year's incredible honorees and many other women around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Oryakhil is a doctor of gynecology and obstetrics and has been the director of the Malalai Maternity Hospital in Kabul since 2004; she also serves as president of the non-governmental organization Afghan Family Health Association, which is currently implementing innovative reproductive health programs, provides a hotline, shelters for women, and conducts outreach sessions in high schools to raise reproductive health awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedication Dr. Oryakhil has displayed is appreciated, her work is commended, her bravery is revered, and her leadership is admired; she has improved our world by the work she has done, and we are grateful.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby thank and commend Dr. Oryakhil for her work to promote women's rights and for her resourcefulness and willingness to sacrifice for others.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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