

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh has chosen to honor Mr. Jeffrey D. Besong as a recipient of the 2014 Racial Justice Award, an annual tribute to leaders who promote equality in society; and

WHEREAS, Chief Besong is currently the Assistant Vice President of Public Safety and the Chief of Police for Point Park University; he has served in this capacity for Point Park University for five years, and served the seven years prior at Carlow University; he manages a staff of 19 employees, and seeks to foster an inclusive environment, mandating diversity training and bias police training; and

WHEREAS, Chief Besong has developed Crisis Response Teams, Threat Assessment Teams, and a Public Safety Oversight Committee; these teams ensure both preparedness in the detection and in the event of an emergency on campus, in addition to allowing reviews in the handling of all police incidents on campus; and

WHEREAS, Chief Besong is a member of many notable organizations, a few of which include: the PA Chiefs of Police Association, the Criminal Justice Intelligence Advisory Board, the National Association of Field Training Officers through the FBI-LEEDA, and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is fortunate to have the leadership and dedication that Chief Besong brings to our region and is grateful for his work to create an equal society for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Chief Jeffrey D. Besong on receiving the 2014 Racial Justice Award and thank him for his commitment to promoting equality within our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 29th day of October, 2014.

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