

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Brentwood Borough is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and, in celebration, the borough has planned a year's worth of events for its residents and friends; programs thus far have included a night at the races, history programs at the library, an essay contest featuring the theme "Why I Believe in Brentwood," and today's Fourth of July events; and

WHEREAS, the 1.4 square miles that constitute the borough were settled in the late eighteenth century and many early residents were farmers of German or Scotch-Irish descent; in response to the institution of an excise tax on distilled spirits, area residents took part in the tax revolt known as the Whiskey Rebellion; President George Washington arrived personally with federal soldiers to quell the uprising in what proved to be a crucial test of the recently reformed national government under the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in 1844, present-day Brentwood was incorporated into the newly established community of Baldwin Township; encompassing over 10,000 acres, this area also included what are today the communities of Castle Shannon, Whitehall, and Baldwin Borough, as well as the Pittsburgh neighborhoods of Carrick, Overbrook, Brookline, and Hays; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 1915, the Allegheny County Court of Quarter Sessions approved the transfer of 880 acres of Baldwin Township to an independent municipality; the approximately 900 citizens of the new Brentwood Borough chose their first governmental officials in a special election held on December 4; and

WHEREAS, Brentwood Borough and its residents have a long and rich history, and we are glad that this community is a part of Allegheny County; we wish all residents a wonderful centennial year and look forward to what the next 100 years may hold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Brentwood Borough and its residents on this exciting anniversary year and encourage all to take part in the planned centennial celebration events.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 4th day of July, 2015.

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