

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

***WHEREAS,** Pittsburgh's Beechview neighborhood is celebrating its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and will mark this exciting milestone with a reunion party on August 1, 2015; and*

***WHEREAS,** located in the Southwestern section of Pittsburgh, Beechview is surrounded by Banksville, West End, Mt. Washington, Brookline, the Boroughs of Dormont and Green Tree and the Municipality of Mt. Lebanon; the neighborhood is filled with long-established families and businesses, and its main corridor, Broadway Avenue, is occupied with commercial establishments as well as the bus line and "T," providing quick access to downtown or the South Hills; and*

***WHEREAS,** named for the beech trees found on its hillsides, Beechview was originally settled by Scotch-Irish and English pioneers in the late 1700s; Welsh and Irish settlers soon followed working in the many local coal mines; the mid-1800s saw the arrival of German truck farmers, and a small German community known as Seldom Seen developed adjacent to Beechview; and*

***WHEREAS,** incorporated as a borough in 1905, Beechview was annexed to the City of Pittsburgh in 1909; the arrival of a trolley line in 1902 led to the community's growth and development; today, Beechview is home to a diverse population and provides its residents with many amenities including athletic programs, senior activities, recreational facilities, a public library, and churches and civic organizations; and*

***WHEREAS,** the 110<sup>th</sup> reunion celebration will include many family-oriented activities, including: mini-bus tours, a genealogy session, yoga, historic photo scanning, oral histories, music, a magician, and a parade, among many others.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Beechview and its residents on this exciting 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wish the neighborhood many more successful and thriving years to come.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015.*

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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