

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *A Day in My Shoes* is an awareness and fundraising project designed to help women of domestic abuse get back on their feet and for some women to tell their stories; the event will be hosted at a Gallery Event at The Beauty Shoppe in Bakery Square on October 19, 2015 and will exhibit over 42 canvas prints and accompanying personal stories; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco photographer Amy Martin Friedman photographed the women in June in their favorite shoes; each participant was asked to write a brief story about how they found a sense of empowerment or achievement, the product of which will be featured in both a book and at the gallery show; and

WHEREAS, all proceeds from the project benefit the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh; each photograph on display will not feature any of the participants' faces, as anonymity is important amongst survivors; and

WHEREAS, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and is a time for our society to recommit to doing everything in our power to uphold the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse; *A Day in My Shoes* is an excellent example of the struggle many face when confronted with domestic violence; it is a wonderful outlet for survivors, as well as a learning resource for the community; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is proud to recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month and to support *A Day in My Shoes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and commend *A Day in My Shoes* for bringing awareness and advocacy to this important issue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 19th day of October, 2015.

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