

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, the month of March is recognized as American Red Cross Month and as such the Southwestern Pennsylvania chapter of the American Red Cross is hosting a celebratory ball on Saturday, March 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors; the organization is guided by seven fundamental principles: humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross provides food and shelter in emergencies, assists members of our armed forces and their families, teaches lifesaving CPR and First Aid skills, and more; all American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross of Southwestern Pennsylvania responded to 225 disasters in our County in 2014 and assisted 1,067 people while providing \$209,108 in financial assistance; our local chapter has been an unmatched source of assistance to those in need in our region and we are thankful for the staff and volunteers that make this possible; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross of Southwestern Pennsylvania has chosen to honor Mr. Leo Gerard, International President of the United Steelworkers, with its Distinguished Leadership Award; this award is presented annually to an individual who, through his or her leadership and charitable pursuits, makes a true difference in Southwestern Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the generosity and compassion of the American people is displayed through the work of the American Red Cross; volunteers are the lifeblood of our community, and we honor their service and commitment to strengthening our nation and aiding our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim March 2015 as "American Red Cross Month" in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 21st day of March, 2015.

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