

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Western Pennsylvania Church of God in Christ is celebrating the official inauguration of Evangelist Wilma B. Beauford, Ph.D. as State Supervisor on March 22, 2015 at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport; and

WHEREAS, a native of Houston, Texas, Dr. Beauford grew up attending the historic Buck Street Memorial Church of God in Christ; she went on to graduate from Prairie View A&M University and later earned her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Beauford worked as teacher in the Army Education Center and Army Dependent Schools, as well as at her own alma mater, Phyllis Wheatley Senior High School; she became a member of the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh until her retirement in 2000; during her time there, she developed and directed a master's degree Cross Cultural Counseling Program, one of only two in the nation at that time; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Beauford joined the Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ where she served in numerous capacities, including: teacher and superintendent of the Sunday School, co-chair of the Women's Department, teacher of the Ministers and Missionaries Leadership Class and chair of the Missionary Board; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Beauford also boasts several impressive accomplishments, including being the first African-American woman to serve as the Division Chairperson/ Associate Dean, School of Education at the University of Pittsburgh, serving as a past board member and chair of the Education Committee of the NAACP, serving as chair of the International Service Unit of the Links, and serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Dr. Wilma B. Beauford on being selected as the State Supervisor and wish her much success in her new position.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 22nd day of March, 2015.

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