

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, breast cancer is a cancer that forms in tissues of the breast and may be in situ, confined within the ducts or lobules, or invasive, spreading throughout all tissue of the breast; early breast cancer does not usually display symptoms, which is why regular breast exams are vitally important; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, an estimated 231,840 cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. alone; thankfully, as mammography screening rates have increased, more cases of breast cancer have been found at earlier stages, when chances of survival are highest; and

WHEREAS, although there is no cure for breast cancer, treatment usually involves some type of surgery and is often combined with radiation therapy, chemotherapy, hormone therapy, and/or targeted therapy; in the U.S., the 5-year survival rate for all women diagnosed with breast cancer is 90 percent; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer mortality rates in the U.S. increased slowly from 1975 to 1990; since 1990, breast cancer mortality has decreased by 34 percent; this decline is due to improved breast cancer treatment and early detection; and

WHEREAS, because of ground-breaking research, community health outreach, advocacy and programs there are currently more 3 million breast cancer survivors, the largest group of cancer survivors in the United States.

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 "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Allegheny County and in support of those individuals and families affected by breast cancer, the Allegheny County Courthouse will be lit in pink lights throughout the month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 1st day of October, 2015.

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