

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the month of September is nationally recognized as Emergency Preparedness Month; the campaign "Ready" was started by the federal government to assist the public in preparing for natural disasters and serves as the basis for Emergency Preparedness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, launched in February 2003, "Ready" is a national public service advertising (PSA) campaign designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies including natural and man-made disasters; the goal of the campaign is to get the public involved and ultimately to increase the level of basic preparedness across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County Emergency Services (ACES) works to support our citizens and first responders for the safety and sustainability of our community through prevention, preparation, protection, response and recovery from manmade and natural all-hazard emergencies and acts of terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, ACES will be sharing information, fact sheets, videos, and tips with the public throughout the month of September to prepare our residents for any disaster that may occur; our region is prone to thunderstorms and flooding, snow storms, and occasional tornadoes and hail; each of these elements will be discussed, along with how to create an emergency kit and escape plan, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is thankful for the hard work and commitment of the ACES Chief and staff in keeping our residents safe; we encourage all residents to be prepared in case of an emergency and to stay informed not only during the month of September, but throughout the year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim September 2015 as Emergency Preparedness 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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