

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

**RICH FITZGERALD**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) is hosting its 62nd National Conference and Exposition at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh; hosted by the Pennsylvania State Lodge, this event represents 100 years of professional law enforcement experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the FOP is the world's largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers, with more than 325,000 members in more than 2,100 lodges across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the FOP was founded by two Pittsburgh patrol officers; Martin Toole and Delbert Nagle knew they must first organize police officers, like other labor interests, if they were to be successful in making life better for themselves and their fellow police officers; they and 21 others "who were willing to take a chance" met on May 14, 1915, and held the first meeting of the Fraternal Order of Police forming Fort Pitt Lodge #1; and

**WHEREAS**, from that small beginning, the FOP began growing steadily; in 1917, the idea of a National Organization of Police Officers came about; the FOP is the voice of those who dedicate their lives to protecting and serving our communities; the organization is committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those we serve through education, legislation, information, community involvement, and employee representation; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is extremely proud to be the birthplace of the FOP and we are honored that in celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, the organization has chosen to host its conference and exposition in our community; we are thankful for all members of the police, and the sacrifices they make to keep the public safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate the Fraternal Order of Police on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wish the organization many more successful years to come.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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