

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *George Benson is returning to Pittsburgh on May 9, 2015 for an evening performance at the Benedum Center; known for his abilities on the guitar, George has entertained many with his expert improvisation and musical talents; and*

WHEREAS, *George began his musical career working the corner pubs of Pittsburgh where he thrived by pleasing the local crowds by singing, dancing and playing the ukulele; since then, he has had the opportunity to play with renowned jazz musicians across the world; and*

WHEREAS, *encouraged by Wes Montgomery to continue playing the guitar, George completed an apprenticeship with organist Brother Jack McDuff; through Jack's instruction, George developed an ear for jazz music that was "danceable;" and*

WHEREAS, *George went on to record numerous albums and hit songs, many of which won Grammy Awards, including: "This Masquerade," Breezin', "Theme from Good King Bad," "On Broadway," Give Me the Night, "Off Broadway," "Moody's Mood," "Being With You," "Mornin'," and "God Bless the Child;" and*

WHEREAS, *Allegheny County is honored the George Benson is returning home for this special performance, and is proud of all he has accomplished, the inspiration that he is to others, and all that he continues to do.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate George Benson on his outstanding musical career and thank him for including Allegheny County on his most recent tour.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 9th day of May, 2015.

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