

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Elizabeth Franklin was crowned the 2015 International Junior Miss Pennsylvania Jr. Princess in November; she will represent Pennsylvania in July at the International Pageant in Virginia Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth is six years old and is a first grade student at North Allegheny's Marshall Elementary School; she participates in a competitive gymnastics development team at X-cel Gymnastics and plays the piano; and

**WHEREAS**, in her role as the International Junior Miss Pennsylvania Jr. Princess she hopes to spread the message to "be your own kind of beautiful," promoting self-esteem and recognition of all kinds of beauty; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth has volunteered at senior centers, the Ebensburg Center (a long-term care facility for mentally challenged individuals), and the Salvation Army; she also has plans to host a spaghetti dinner in which at least 75% of the proceeds will be donated to UPMC Mercy's Burn Unit, where she was a former patient; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that our youth be encouraged in their strengths and abilities through competition; the International Junior Miss competition is a great outlet for young women to practice their public speaking and writing skills, to meet other driven and ambitious young people, and acquire leadership abilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Elizabeth Franklin on being named the 2015 International Junior Miss Pennsylvania Jr. Princess and wish her the best of luck at the International Pageant.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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