

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Ike Ivery Family will be hosting a family reunion July 9-12, 2015 at the Wyndham Grand hotel in Pittsburgh under the theme, "Remember When..." and

WHEREAS, the first official gathering of the Ike Ivery Family Reunion was held in July 1976 in Philadelphia; family members established a National Committee with bylaws governing the frequency and location of ongoing reunions in 1986 with a goal to unite the families of all 23 descendants of Ike Ivery and his three wives during the second weekend of July every odd-numbered year; the location of the reunion alternates between a northern and southern destination; and

WHEREAS, Ike Ivery was born on February 14, 1853 to parents of slaves; he worked hard and was free to marry his first wife at age 22; subsequently, he settled as a land owner in Midway, Alabama and was known as a man of integrity who exhibited respect and contributed to his community, church, and family; and

WHEREAS, Ike's first two wives, whom he married at a young age, both passed away at a young age; he had four children with his first wife and six children with his second wife before he was 38 years old; his third, and last marriage, resulted in 13 children; and

WHEREAS, the reunion includes between 200-300 attendees, and encourages the unity of family and the scholarship of youth; this year's reunion, hosted by the family members in the Pittsburgh area, commemorates the 20th anniversary of the last time the reunion was held in this area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby commend the members of the Ike Ivery family on their diligence in hosting this reunion and ensuring that each new generation is aware of its roots and history. I wish all those attending a very fun, enjoyable, and safe weekend.

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 July, 2015.

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