

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *The Institute for Supply Management of Pittsburgh is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and will mark this milestone with an event featuring guest speaker, Mr. Tom Derry, the ISM Chief Executive Officer, on May 19, 2015 at the Sheraton Station Square; and*

WHEREAS, *the National Association of Purchasing Agents, Incorporated was granted a charter by the State of New York in March 1915; it originally had 22 National Directors, most of whom were from cities other than New York; one of these directors was E.L. McGrew of the Standard Underground Cable Company of Pittsburgh; and*

WHEREAS, *it was hoped that these directors, many of whom came from cities where local purchasing groups had previously organized, would be instrumental in bringing these local organizations to the national; in 1915, the Pittsburgh group became the first local group to align with the New York group and make the National Association of Purchasing Agents (NAPA) a reality; and*

WHEREAS, *the first National Convention, held in New York in 1915, elected Pittsburgh's E.L. McGrew as its president; the total membership of the NAPA numbered 250 in 1916, with 65 of those member's belonging to the Pittsburgh association; today, the organization is known as the Institute for Supply Management and boasts 45,000 members; and*

WHEREAS, *Allegheny County is thankful to have the Institute for Supply Management of Pittsburgh in our region, for being a leader in this field for a century, and for the services and mentorship opportunities it provides to our local organizations.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate the Institute for Supply Management of Pittsburgh on this exciting milestone and wish all involved many more years of success.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 19th day of March, 2015.*

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