

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Jewish National Fund is hosting its annual Tree of Life Award Dinner on Thursday, September 10 at the Omni William Penn Hotel; this year, the organization has chosen to honor world-renowned artist Burton Morris; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris has been a longtime supporter of the Jewish National Fund and has a designed a new tree certificate to be featured at the Tree of Life Dinner; he is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and earned his bachelor of fine arts degree at Carnegie Mellon University; Mr. Morris established the Burton Morris Studios in 1990 and first gained national attention in the mid-90s when his artwork was chosen to hang on the set of the NBC television series "Friends;" and

WHEREAS, Burton Morris interprets today's culture through his colorful artwork and depictions of modern icons; we are proud to recognize the achievements of Burton and for the many people he has inspired in our region and across the world; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish National Fund began in 1901 collecting coins in blue boxes to purchase land and return the Jewish people to their homeland; in over 113 years, the JNF has planted 240 million trees, built over 1,000 parks and recreational areas, constructed security roads, educated students around the world about Israel, and created new communities so that Jews from around the world would have a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is very thankful for the work of the JNF and Burton Morris; their efforts have made a lasting impact locally and throughout the Jewish community and their dedication is commended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby commend the JNF and Burton Morris for their continued work in Israel and around the world and we look forward to many more great things that will be accomplished.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 10th day of September, 2015.

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