

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Legal Service Association (NLSA), along with Art Rooney, II, is celebrating six native western Pennsylvania quarterbacks who are members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame at “Gridiron Gold” on June 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, this special recognition event will honor George Blanda, Jim Kelly, Dan Marino, Joe Montana, Joe Namath, and Johnny Unitas; four of these talented men will take part in a discussion where they will have an opportunity to reflect on their careers and how the region helped shape them as men and players; and

WHEREAS, Joe Namath is best remembered for his performance in the New York Jets' stunning 16-7 upset of the heavily favored Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III; however, during his 13-year tenure from 1965 through 1977, he was one of the game's most exciting, proficient and publicized quarterbacks; in 1967, Mr. Namath became the first quarterback to pass for more than 4,000 yards in one season; Mr. Namath earned all-league accolades four times in his career (1967, 1968, 1969, and 1972) and was named to the all-time AFL honor team in 1969; he was also elected to four AFL all-star games and one AFC-NFC Pro Bowl; and

WHEREAS, western Pennsylvania has a distinct love of sports and is loyal to those from its community; we are extremely proud of Joe Namath, and all that he accomplished throughout his career; he has set an excellent example to many youth in our region and has been a role model of which we can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the involvement of Jim Kelly, Dan Marino, Joe Montana, Joe Namath, and the families of Johnny Unitas and George Blanda is extremely generous and displays their kindness toward our community; the NLSA, which will receive the proceeds from the event, has been working for 50 years to restore hope to vulnerable individuals and families in our region – hope that comes in the form of equal access to justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate all six quarterbacks on their successful careers; we are proud that they hail from western Pennsylvania and for the commitment they still have to our region.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 6th day of June, 2015.

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