

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Professional Disc Golf Association is hosting its Pro World Championships in Allegheny County on August 1-8; hundreds of the world's top professional disc golfers will be competing for the title of world champion throughout the week; and

WHEREAS, hosted at Allegheny County's Deer Lakes Park, we are excited to welcome the PDGA's Pro World Championships and its members to our region; in 2001, Deer Lakes Park was first recommended as an appropriate venue for a disc golf course; after much consideration and planning, a par-66 layout was agreed upon and the course was completed in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the history of disc golf is difficult to trace, but the first known instance of anyone playing golf with a flying disc occurred in Vancouver in 1926; a group of school-aged children played a game with tin lids, which they dubbed Tin Lid Golf; in 1965, George Sappenfeld was a recreation counselor during summer break from college; while playing golf one afternoon, he realized that the kids on his playground could play the golf game with Frisbee discs; he remembered his idea when in 1968 he finished college and became the Parks and Recreation supervisor for Thousand Oaks, CA; and

WHEREAS, shortly after this, groups of people across the country were playing disc golf, many without any knowledge of leagues or other associations; popularity quickly grew surrounding the sport, and the PDGA was soon born; the PDGA is now a worldwide force and is growing faster than ever; and

WHEREAS, the host club for Pro World Championships, the Pittsburgh Flying Disc Society (PFDS), has established and maintains multiple world-class courses throughout Western Pennsylvania; the organization has hosted disc golf tournaments like the Pittsburgh Flying Disc Open on the PDGA National Tour, has encouraged the growth of disc golf in Pittsburgh-area schools through its Scholastic Disc Golf Championship series and Learn to Play clinics, and raised thousands of dollars for local area non-profit organizations since the club's founding in 1988.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby wish all those participating in the PDGA Pro World Championships the best of luck and wish the organization 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 1st day of August, 2015.

Rich Fitzgerald

RICH FITZGERALD