

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, accidental poisonings are of great danger to the public; in 2014, there were 41,208 poisoning exposures within the Pittsburgh Poison Center's total service area, of which over 48% were children five (5) years old and younger; and

**WHEREAS**, awareness programs combat the risk of such occurrences by alerting the public to the proper use and storage of medicines, cosmetics, household cleaners, and chemicals while urging precautions such as using child-resistant packaging; Poison Prevention Month is vital in providing information and bringing awareness regarding various household poisons to all people and through the assistance of Allegheny County's official and voluntary organizations, our citizens have the knowledge to be cautious; and

**WHEREAS**, the Allegheny County Health Department, Safe Kids Allegheny County, Allegheny County Pharmacists Association, Pittsburgh Poison Center, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, Duquesne University Mylan School of Pharmacy (ASP students), Cardinal Health Drug Company, and McKesson HBOC Drug Company are participating in cooperative activities this month to promote poison prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is proud to recognize Poison Prevention Month 2015 and is grateful to its partners for making county residents aware of the dangers posed by household poisons.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim March 2015 as "Poison Prevention Month" in Allegheny County under the theme "Children Act Fast – So Do Poisons."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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