

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Judy Barricella is retiring this month after nearly 15 years of service with Allegheny County; Judy currently serves as the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator in the Department of Human Services (DHS); and

**WHEREAS**, in her current role as the County's first ADA Coordinator, Judy was charged with conducting a detailed survey of all departments to gauge compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; this line of work easily complements Judy's commitment to protect the rights of all people, especially those with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to her current position, Judy was chosen to head Allegheny County's Disability Connection, a position within DHS committed to elevating the quality of life, opportunity, and participation of all people with disabilities; under her leadership, the Disability Connection expanded to include the Allegheny Link to Aging and Disability Resource, the Regional Housing Coordinator, and the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program; additionally, Judy has spearheaded Voice of our Region, an oral documentary; and

**WHEREAS**, previously, Judy worked as a speech therapist before she founded the Three Rivers Center for Independent Living in 1980 and served as its Executive Director; after eight years advocating for independent living in our community, she started her own consulting company, Commonwealth Mentor Group; Judy obtained a bachelor of arts degree in speech and hearing science from the University of Pittsburgh and a master of arts degree in speech therapy from the University of South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Judy's knowledge, friendly demeanor, and hard work have made her an extremely valuable resource and employee; since her first day at the County on October 16, 2000, she has been a shining example of public service, and we thank her for her time, effort, and dedication over the past 15 years. She will be missed by all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Judy Barricella on her retirement and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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