

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mr. Emilio “Mel” Fastuca is retiring at the end of March after 37 years of service to the Office of the Public Defender, its clients, and Allegheny County; and

WHEREAS, Mel was admitted to the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on October 7, 1963, after receiving a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh and his juris doctor degree from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Mel joined the Allegheny County Public Defender’s Office as an Assistant Defender on March 13, 1978 and has fiercely and tirelessly advocated for accused indigent children and defendants ever since; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender’s Office is responsible for furnishing legal counsel to any person who, for lack of sufficient funds, is unable to obtain legal counsel in any situation where representation is constitutionally guaranteed; Mel has made it his life’s work to serve these individuals and we are thankful for his time, effort, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, while we wish him well in his retirement, Mel will be missed by many; his colleagues have enjoyed his sense of humor, movie and restaurant reviews, and dedication over the years, and he will not soon be forgotten in the office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Mel Fastuca and wish him the best on a well-deserved, happy and healthy retirement!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 25th day of March, 2015.

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