

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Knox T. Walk is retiring this month after nine years of service with Allegheny County; Knox currently serves as the Division Chief of Emergency Medical Services in the Department of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, in his current role, Knox has represented Allegheny County in all areas of EMS on the local, state, and federal levels; he has been an inspiring leader of technology for the municipal EMS agencies throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Knox played a vital role in the development and implementation of the first Mass Casualty Incident plan, and has also been involved with the Pittsburgh-Allegheny Terrorism Task Force and the development of the Region 13 Weapons of Mass Destruction Task Force for Southwestern Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, previously, Knox served as the Director of the Public Safety Institute at the Community College of Allegheny County, and then went on to become the EMS Coordinator, Allegheny County EMS Council, EMS Council; in 2002, he joined the United States Department of Homeland Security as a commander for the FEMA Medical response team DMAT-1 based in Pittsburgh, coordinating emergency response locations throughout the nation during a disaster; Knox received a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Knox's institutional knowledge and hard work have made him an extremely valuable resource and employee; since his first day at the county on January 27, 2006, he has been a shining example of public service, and we thank him for his time, effort, and dedication over the past nine years. He 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 Knox Walk on his retirement and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 30th day of January, 2015.

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