

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the 148th Session of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is being hosted by St. James A.M.E. Church on September 15-19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in 1787, African American members of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia were segregated from the rest of the congregation and were not permitted to worship in the same area; under the leadership of Richard Allen, they left the church and built a new place of worship; and

WHEREAS, the African Methodist Episcopal Church was officially formed at a General Convention which met in Philadelphia on April 9-11, 1816 and was named Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church; Richard Allen was elected and consecrated as the first Bishop; since then, the church has grown to approximately 3,000,000 members worldwide; and

WHEREAS, this year's Annual Conference will include approximately 400 delegates, ministers, and visitors representing more than 10,000 A.M.E.s in 43 congregations across Western Pennsylvania, and from Erie to Scranton; the Conference is being convened under the leadership of Bishop McKinley Young and his wife Dr. Dorothy Jackson Young, and will also feature Rev. Dr. Eric L. Brown, Rev. James McLemore, and Rev. Rodrecus M. Johnson, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is proud to be the home of St. James A.M.E. Church and that this year's Annual Conference will be held at the church; as this group of leaders discuss many issues, including family, youth, education, health, the state of the country, the state of the Black church, temperance, and prison ministry, we wish all in attendance a productive, educational, and wonderful time of fellowship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby commend St. James A.M.E. Church on hosting this year's Conference and wish all the best to those in attendance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 15th day of September, 2015.

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