

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, *Shen Yun Performing Arts* will grace the stage of the Benedum Center for the Performing Arts on April 25 & 26, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, a leading group of classical Chinese artists joined together in New York to revive the true, divinely inspired culture of China and share it with the world; over the years, much of China's cultural inheritance has been lost or destroyed through political turmoil; and

**WHEREAS**, *Shen Yun* actualized the artistic freedom of the nation of China, adapting ancient traditions for the modern stage; the performance unfolds 5,000 years of traditional Chinese culture through music and dance; and

**WHEREAS**, Chinese dance is at the heart of *Shen Yun*; known for its incredible flips and spins, and its gentle elegance, it is one of the most rigorous and expressive art forms in the world; additionally, Ancient Chinese instruments such as the soul-stirring *erhu* and the delicate *pipa* lead the melody on top of a full orchestra of Western strings, percussion, woodwinds, and brass; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts are an essential element to a growing, and prosperous region, and we are fortunate to have many outlets for this Allegheny County; *Shen Yun* not only provides our residents with a unique theater experience, but also with a rich lesson in Chinese culture and history that will not soon be forgotten.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby welcome *Shen Yun*, its staff, and performers to Pittsburgh and thank the organization for once again educating our region on this important history through music and dance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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