

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania is hosting Stand Down Pittsburgh Day on Saturday, September 26, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 60 local community agencies and more than 200 volunteers will be on hand to ensure veterans in need are receiving the help and resources they deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of homeless veterans and veterans at the risk of becoming homeless will receive a free breakfast and lunch, hot showers, haircuts, clothing, access to an on-site food pantry and connections to health and service providers at Stand Down Pittsburgh; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, there are approximately 61,799 veterans in Pennsylvania below the poverty line, placing our Commonwealth 5th highest in the United States; additionally, the unemployment rate for young veterans is 69% higher than the national unemployment rate, and young veterans are more than three times more likely to be homeless than their civilian counterparts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania has a mission to provide essential housing, employment, and vital support services to eligible local veterans, service members, and their families with the goal of improving their self-sufficiency, sustainability, and quality of life; Allegheny County is extremely thankful for this organization and all of its partners in this event, for all that has been done to help our region's veterans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015 as "Stand Down Pittsburgh Day" in Allegheny County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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