

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, this year, The Pittsburgh Project is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will host a special event at the Hall of Fame Club at PNC Park honoring Saleem Ghubril; and

**WHEREAS**, Saleem Ghubril, a Presbyterian pastor, started The Pittsburgh Project in 1985 as a way to engage North Side youth and serve vulnerable homeowners, including those who are elderly, poor, shut-in, widowed, disabled, or immobile; and

**WHEREAS**, today, volunteer crews, mainly comprised of teenagers and college students, repair homes near The Pittsburgh Project and neighboring communities; in addition to assisting homeowners, The Pittsburgh Project seeks to develop servant leaders – people who take a leadership style that emphasizes trust, empathy, and service to others; and

**WHEREAS**, The Pittsburgh Project also offers after school and summer programs to help students in grades K-12 grow academically; additionally, the organization operates Fowler Park and Pool, a café, a guesthouse, an urban farming initiative, and a variety of rental spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is extremely thankful to have had The Pittsburgh Project in our community for the past three decades; the impact that it is made on our children, youth, and adults, is unmatched; our residents feel cared for and appreciated, and The Pittsburgh Project has made our region a better place to live.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate The Pittsburgh Project on its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and thank the staff, board, and volunteers for all they have done for our region.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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