

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2015, the American Tree Farm System (ATFS), awarded the National Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year award to Raul Chiesa and Janet Sredy of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Raul and Janet took ownership of Beckets Run Woodlands, within the state-designated Beckets Run Biodiversity Area, in 2007, and found themselves managers of a severely damaged property; they immediately created a management plan and set on a path to restore the native ecosystem, improving the health of their trees, eradicating invasives and planting species that provided food for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, individuals considered for the award must demonstrate exceptional efforts to preserve and enhance their woodlands, which conserves and enhances clean water and air, wildlife habitat, recreational activities, and the wood for homes and paper products that come from their land, all of which are exemplified on the ATFS sign; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is extremely grateful to have Raul and Janet in our community and for the work they do to preserve our ecosystem and wildlife; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Raul Chiesa and Janet Sredy on receiving the National Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Award.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 22nd day of December, 2015.

Rich Fitzgerald

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