

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wilmerding is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and in honor of this milestone is hosting a Founder's Day Luncheon on Sunday, March 8, 2015 – exactly 125 years to the date of the borough's incorporation; and

**WHEREAS**, in March of 1889, the East Pittsburgh Improvement Company adopted and recorded its first plan of the Borough of Wilmerding, a subdivision of the Osborne Farm, and began the work of grading, paving, and installing sewers in the streets, as well as constructing sidewalks; W.W. Fortune was the engineer in charge of laying out the first plan of Wilmerding and subsequently became the first Borough Engineer of Wilmerding; and

**WHEREAS**, thereafter, a petition was presented to the Quarter Sessions Court of Allegheny County for the incorporation of Wilmerding Village into a borough; the court decreed Wilmerding as a borough on March 8, 1890; its population at the time was 1,000; Wilmerding was the first borough incorporated in the Turtle Creek Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the borough's first election was held on June 14 and resulted in the following selections: Burgess, T.W. Welsh; Councilman, H.D. Patch; Councilman, Eli Swartz; Councilman, John C. Boyle, Sr.; Councilman, William J. Dick; Councilman, Michael Weidt; Councilman, William Stewart; and Tax Collector, James Undercoffer; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the Borough of Wilmerding covers .42 square miles and has a population of 2,241; the borough is known for its close-knit community and many recreational activities, including the Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Festival, and National Night Out activities; we are excited to join with borough officials this year to celebrate this wonderful municipality's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Wilmerding Borough on its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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