

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2016, The Ellis School will host a kick-off celebration of its centennial year; the school has a mission to prepare, empower, and inspire each and every girl through an excellent education in an all-girls environment; and

WHEREAS, in 1916, Sara Frazer Ellis saw a need and an opportunity to create “not a large school but a sound and thorough one” for young women after Dilworth Hall, a local college preparatory school for women, closed its doors; with three teachers and 41 students, The Ellis School took up residence in Pittsburgh’s Shadyside neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ellis served as the headmistress for the 25 years after the school’s founding; during that time, she gained accreditation from the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges, incorporated the school under a nonprofit charter and sold it to a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees, and acquired two other local girls’ schools; and

WHEREAS, over the years, The Ellis School saw many leaders, teachers, and administrators who have shaped the school into what it is today; there is a strong presence of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) coursework and a higher percentage of participation in team sports; The Ellis School has offered a well-rounded education for the many young women who have walked its halls over the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is fortunate to have The Ellis School in our community and for the education and preparation it has given to the young women of our county; congratulations to the administration, teachers, staff, and Board of Trustees on this exciting anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate The Ellis School on its 100th anniversary and wish all involved a successful and wonderful year of celebration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 13th day of January, 2016.

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