

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

***WHEREAS**, the Macdonald Pipe Band of Pittsburgh is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and will recognize this milestone at the Burns Dinner on January 23, 2016; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Macdonald Pipe Band was founded by members of the Carnegie Tech University Pipe Band in 1966 when its members decided to form a band outside of the university setting; C.K. Macdonald, the late owner of Idlewild Park, agreed to sponsor the band, and it became known as the Macdonald Pipe Band of Idlewild Park in September 1967; and*

***WHEREAS**, in the early 1980s, the band changed its name to Macdonald Pipe Band of Pittsburgh, Inc. and was incorporated as a nonprofit organization; the band has opened for Pittsburgh performances by Rod Stewart and British Regimental Bands, and has also performed for HRH Prince Charles at the Benedum Center; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1994, 2000 and 2006, the band toured Scotland, performing for clan dignitaries and competing at several Highland Games, including the World Pipe Band Championships; recently, the band has experienced a period of regrowth and continues to expand and entertain audiences; and*

***WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is thankful to have the Macdonald Pipe Band in our region, and for its efforts to preserve and educate the public on this unique type of music; the Macdonald Pipe Band is an important piece of community, and we are thankful to the band manager and members for their dedication to our region.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate the Macdonald Pipe Band of Pittsburgh, Inc. on this exciting 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wish the organization many more successful years!*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2016.*

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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