

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in February 2013, County Manager William D. McKain, CPA, re-instituted the Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award and created the Exemplary Employee Award to recognize exceptional achievements by a county employee or employee group; and

WHEREAS, After reviewing dozens of submitted nominations, the County Manager selected Chris Roland, Interim Maintenance Supervisor at Round Hill Park, Parks Department, as recipient of the Exemplary Employee Award; Chris is being recognized in the category of efficiency and productivity and is worthy of this recognition; and

WHEREAS, Chris began his employment with Allegheny County in September of 2012 working for the Department of Public Works; in April of 2015, he was promoted to the Interim Maintenance Supervisor for Round Hill Park; with the Parks Department, he is responsible for the planning, scheduling, managing and supervising the assignments of the laborers and others assigned to the park each day; he is also responsible for the care of the animals and farm responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, since assuming his duties at Round Hill Park, Chris has continued to think "out-of-the-box" for ways to improve the well-being of the animals as well as cut costs; he has adjusted the amount of crops being grown so that enough food could be generated for the animals at Round Hill and South Parks; he utilized training about "no till planting" to reduce the amount of time for planting as well as fuel costs and manpower; he has learned animal rotation which is preserving the pastures while also reducing the amount of grain the county purchases; and

WHEREAS, Chris has taken the advice of local farmers and made additional changes that help the animals remain healthy; and he has worked closely with the Allegheny County Parks Foundation on developing a plan to

renovate the farmhouse at round Hill so that it can be open to the public with its historical features and artifacts on display while also utilizing it for programs; and

WHEREAS, *the county has received numerous compliments from the public that the farm looks better than even before, and there is even more – behind-the-scenes – that has been improved as well because of Chris’ work; the Parks Department has found great success in his eagerness to work with Penn State Extension, local farmers, other staff and various organizations to improve processes and efficiencies in Round Hill Park; and*

WHEREAS, *Allegheny County is extremely grateful for the efficiency and productivity shown by Chris Roland on behalf of the Parks Department and Allegheny County; Mr. Roland demonstrates daily that our employees are our greatest asset and is wholly deserving of the recognition provided by the Exemplary Employee Award.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, along with Allegheny County Council Member Dr. Charles J. Martoni and the full Council, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby congratulate Chris Roland on receiving the Exemplary Employee Award for his efficiency and productivity in his role with the Parks Department.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 21st day of October, 2016.*



RICH FITZGERALD