

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, *Women's History Month is observed annually across the United States in March; its purpose is to honor and celebrate the significant achievements and the vital role of women in American history; and*

**WHEREAS**, *on March 8, 1911, countries around the world began observing International Women's Day; with that day as its focal point, a school district in Sonoma, California initiated a "Women's History Week" in 1978 to bring attention to women's contributions to culture, history, and society; the idea quickly caught on in communities across the country and, in 1980, President Jimmy Carter officially proclaimed a National Women's History Week; seven years later, the National Women's History Project successfully petitioned Congress to expand the event to the entire month of March, recognizing it as Women's History Month; and*

**WHEREAS**, *this year's theme, "Valiant Women of the Vote," will commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women gaining the right to vote, and honor the brave women who fought to win suffrage rights for women, and for the women who continue to fight for the voting rights of others; and*

**WHEREAS**, *women of all ages and ethnicities continue to be pioneers in leadership, business, politics, the arts, education, athletics and more through hard work commitment and dedication; from the county's own Chief of Staff to the County Executive Jennifer Liptak, to Leadership Pittsburgh President and CEO Aradhna Oliphant to University of Pittsburgh Senior Vice Chancellor for Engagement Kathy W. Humphrey, we have been, and continue to be, home to women who have shaped this county and made this region a vibrant place to live, work, and play; and*

**WHEREAS**, *we are immensely proud of that history and thankful for the immeasurable contributions of women in Allegheny County and throughout this nation; this month, and throughout the year, we urge our residents to recognize the past accomplishments and promising future of women in our community and to reaffirm this area's dedication to equality and the rights of all women.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as "Women's History Month" in Allegheny County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich Fitzgerald".

RICH FITZGERALD