

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990 by President George H.W. Bush; in honor of the 24th anniversary of the law's passing, the Three Rivers Center for Independent Living (TRCIL) will be hosting a celebration; and*

***WHEREAS**, the ADA prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in employment, state and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation; it also mandates the establishment of TDD/telephone relay services; and*

***WHEREAS**, as of the 1990 U.S. Census, the year the ADA was passed, only 39.3% of all working age Americans with disabilities were participating in the work force either full or part time, and on average earned a full 35% less than workers without disabilities; and*

***WHEREAS**, the ADA has empowered individuals with disabilities and enabled them to take a more active role in society; in agreement, the TRCIL also works to empower people with disabilities to enjoy self-directed, personally meaningful lives by providing consumer-controlled services and by advocating for effective community change; and*

***WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is home to approximately 159,027 individuals that have a disability; through the passage of the ADA, the services offered at the County, and various other groups in our community such as TRCIL, individuals with disabilities are able to lead fuller and more active lives.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2014 as "Americans with Disabilities Act Day" 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 26th day of July, 2014.*

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