

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania is hosting its 130th Annual Banquet on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center to advance the engineering profession and position Western Pennsylvania as a center of engineering excellence; and*

WHEREAS, *as part of the annual banquet, the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania is honoring The Honorable Barry J. Schoch, P.E., Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, as the recipient of the William Metcalf Award, named after the first President of the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania; and*

WHEREAS, *the William Metcalf Award is given to an outstanding engineer whose accomplishment relates to those fields normally associated with Western Pennsylvania, such as steel, aluminum, power, coal, electrical equipment, chemical, glass, construction and more; and*

WHEREAS, *Secretary Schoch has 28 years of experience in engineering, and has either managed or played a key role in many of the pending or completed transportation projects in Pennsylvania over that time; nominated as Secretary of Transportation in January 2011, Secretary Schoch led the Department through a fraught legislative process, negotiating and working with leaders to encourage passage of a \$2.3 billion transportation bill that will infuse funds into our highways, bridges, and mass-transit systems; and*

WHEREAS, *without the vision and leadership of Secretary Schoch, the future of our state's transportation infrastructure was in question; his personal involvement in the negotiations, as well as his message that the cost of inaction would be more than the cost of action, made a significant difference in the final passage of the funding bill which allows continued growth and stability in our state.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Secretary Barry J. Schoch on being named the 2014 William Metcalf Award Winner and extend the thanks of a grateful county for his service.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 19th day of February, 2014.*

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