

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

**RICH FITZGERALD**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Ceola Patillo's family has chosen to honor him with a tribute to his life and accomplishments; now at 91 years of age, Ceola has made a lasting and positive impact on all with whom he has come into contact, and his family is honored to call him their patriarch; and

**WHEREAS**, Ceola has led the family as an example of sacrifice; he, along with his family, make up three generations who have served in the military, with Ceola serving in World War II; additionally, his twin brother, Teola, served in World War II; his nephew, Teola, Jr. served in the Vietnam War; his great-nephew, Terrell, served in the Air Force during the Gulf Era; and his great-nephew, Alexander, served three tours in Afghanistan and one tour in Korea; and

**WHEREAS**, in each generation there are brave men and women who choose to enter the Armed Forces to protect our country; they willingly stand up for our freedom, values, and security and we are grateful for their service; and

**WHEREAS**, Ceola was the first black foreman and supervisor at Jones & Laughlin Steel in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, from which he retired after 30 years; additionally, his family was the first black family to move into Sewickley, Pennsylvania along Ohio River Boulevard; and

**WHEREAS**, Ceola has been the leader of his family in many regards, and in addition to passing down his devotion to our country, he has passed down his faith; Ceola is a man who puts his faith and family above all and has served God throughout his life; his family is grateful for the example that he has been.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby commend Ceola Patillo and his family for their commitment to the community and our country.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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