

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## Proclamation

***WHEREAS,** Forbes Hospice of West Penn Hospital is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and will commemorate this milestone on May 21, 2014 at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh; and*

***WHEREAS,** the Forbes Hospice team of caregivers offers a compassionate, loving approach to meeting the needs of patients and their families; in the very early days of the program, the team cared for an average of five patients each day; today, they care for an average of 125 patients each day and serve 1,600 new patients each year; and*

***WHEREAS,** Forbes Hospice has a mission to preserve dignity in the last stages of life through the provision of state-of-the-art care to patients and families in the service area, and to support education and research which advances the delivery of care for the terminally ill; and*

***WHEREAS,** Forbes Hospice is the oldest and most trusted nonprofit hospice and palliative care program in the Pittsburgh region; the hospice program delivers comprehensive care to the community and features nationally-recognized leadership, including a full-time medical director who is board certified in hospice and palliative medicine; and*

***WHEREAS,** Forbes Hospice has been a source of hope and comfort to many of our residents over the past 35 years; the staff and volunteers take their time to address all of a family's medical and emotional needs and provide the proper support that is needed and we are thankful for their presence in our community.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Forbes Hospice on its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary and thank the staff and volunteers for all that they do.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2014.*

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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