

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, *bullying is a multi-faceted, widespread public health problem and must be approached with systemic and consistent efforts; the harmful effects of bullying are frequently felt by others, including friends and families, and can hurt the overall health and safety of schools, neighborhoods and society; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Highmark Foundation, along with its partners, Windber Research Institute and the Center for Safe Schools, are hosting “Huddle Up Against Bullying” on Tuesday, October 28, 2014; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Highmark Foundation offers a strategic approach to bullying prevention and has supported prevention efforts and activities in schools, community-based organizations, and other charitable organizations with more than \$20 million in grants and contracts ; and*

**WHEREAS**, *“Huddle Up Against Bullying” notes the progress made in bullying prevention efforts over the past decade and discusses new avenues for helping schools, students, families, communities, and healthcare professionals; attendees will gain renewed motivation and concrete ideas that will help propel them as professional and their various program in bullying prevention; and*

**WHEREAS**, *every seven minutes, a child is bullied in the United States and approximately 160,000 children in the United States miss school every day for fear of being bullied; Allegheny County is thankful to the Highmark Foundation and the many organizations in our region that work to promote understanding and prevent bullying in our schools and communities.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** *that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim October 28, 2014 as “Huddle Up Against Bullying 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.*

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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