

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh is hosting its annual interfaith banquet and Humanity Day on Sunday, July 13, 2014; this event is held each year during the month of Ramadan, a time when friends and neighbors of all faiths can come together and celebrate members of the community who are strengthening the bonds of humanity; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh has a mission to shape the American-Muslim identity by educating, empowering, and uniting Pittsburgh's dynamic and diverse community; the Center provides quality religious, educational, and social services in a culturally respectful environment; and*

***WHEREAS**, this year, the Center has chosen to honor Dr. Fran Leap for her work to develop respect and mutual understanding of different faiths and culture traditions; Dr. Leap, a lifelong Catholic, has taught Religious Studies at Seton Hill University for more than twenty years; she encourages her students to engage in interfaith dialogue through their studies and visits to various worship centers; and*

***WHEREAS**, Dr. Leap's academic research and interfaith relationships have given her many blessings throughout the years; during her sabbatical in the spring of 2008, she was able to spend a semester studying the Qur'an in Luxor, Egypt, experiencing its scriptures as the living faith of its people; and*

***WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is home to a very diverse population which allows for different viewpoints and ways of life to be expressed; it is important for us to learn from one another and we are grateful for Dr. Leap's work in building understanding throughout our community.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim July 13, 2014 as "Humanity Day" in Allegheny County and thank Dr. Leap for her contributions to mutual respect and understanding.*

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

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