

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Jewish National Fund (JNF) is hosting its annual Tree of Life Award Dinner on September 10, 2014 at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh; funds raised from this event will benefit the JNF Parsons Water Fund, which supports JNF's vital work with Water Renewal in Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, the JNF began in 1901 collecting coins in blue boxes to purchase land and return the Jewish people to their homeland; for the last three decades, the JNF has worked to help alleviate Israel's past chronic water shortage, primarily through the construction of recycled water reservoirs that have increased the water supply by 12%; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, the JNF will honor Dr. Jared Cohon, President Emeritus of Carnegie Mellon University; Dr. Cohon has been a leader in our region, as well as internationally, in addressing worldwide water resource problems; he has worked on water resource problems in the United States, South America, and Asia and on energy facility siting, including nuclear waste shipping and storage; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Cohon served in 1977-78 as an energy and the environment legislative assistant for the late U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan; President Clinton appointed him to the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board in 1995 and appointed him chairman in 1997; in 2002, President Bush appointed Dr. Cohon to the Homeland Security Advisory Council, in 2009, he was reappointed by President Obama; and

**WHEREAS**, water resourcing and the global environment are extremely important concerns and we are fortunate for the work and knowledge of the JNF and Dr. Cohon.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby commend the JNF and Dr. Jared Cohon for their continued work in Israel and around the world and we look forward to many more great things that will be accomplished.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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