

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is hosting its Wines Under Glass Gala on Thursday, October 30, 2014, that will feature a VIP Reception and Peacock Party, as well as showcase the Fall Flower Show and Tropical Forest India exhibits; and

WHEREAS, Phipps was founded in 1893 as the nation's first teaching conservatory and the largest, finest glasshouse exhibitory of its time and is, today, on the cusp of an unprecedented future of excellence and impact; the Conservatory has received 56 awards in recognition of its outstanding programs and forward momentum; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard V. Piacentini, Executive Director of Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, arrived at the nonprofit in 1994 as its first professional, public garden director; celebrating his 20th year this year, Mr. Piacentini has lifted Phipps to extraordinary beauty, excellence, and impact as a leading-edge collaborator on the environmental sustainability, green energy, and healthy living issues; and

WHEREAS, the event chairs for Wines Under Glass, Krishna and Om Sharma, have been lifelong, generous benefactors and passionate advocates of institutions such as Phipps; by their famed hospitality, love of community and family, as well as business acumen, Krishna and Om Sharma have personified the spirit of our region; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is thankful for the leadership of Mr. Piacentini, the generosity of Krishna and Om Sharma, and the meaningful way in which Phipps adds to the quality of life in our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby commend all involved in the Wines Under Glass Gala, and wish Phipps, its staff, board, and friends many more wonderful years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 30th day of October, 2014.

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