

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

**RICH FITZGERALD**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Rodef Shalom Congregation has chosen to posthumously honor Mr. Fred Rogers as the recipient of the 2014 Pursuer of Peace Award; this award recognizes the significant commitment and sustained contributions of an individual to the pursuit of peace through the fostering of interfaith understanding, the encouragement of humanitarianism, and the promotion of a social justice agenda in an effort to bring healing to our fractured world; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fred Rogers was born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania in 1928; he earned his bachelor's degree in music composition from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida and upon graduating was hired by NBC as an assistant producer for "The Voice of Firestone;" and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rogers moved back to Pittsburgh in 1953 and began working at WQED; he helped produce "The Children's Corner" in which he served as puppeteer, composer, and organist; during this time, Mr. Rogers attended both the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Child Development; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1963, Mr. Rogers was invited to create a program for the CBC in Canada which they named "MISTEROGERS" and upon which he made his on-camera debut; Mr. Rogers, his wife, and two sons returned to Pittsburgh in 1966 and created the series known and loved by the world, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood;" and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rogers had an extraordinary career and left a behind a legacy that is remembered by millions; he is still adored by adults and children alike, and his words of comfort, life lessons, and land of make-believe continue to live on through "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" and the hearts of those who love him.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby posthumously congratulate Mr. Fred Rogers on receiving the 2014 Pursuer of Peace Award from Rodef Shalom Congregation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2014.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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