

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Shirley Gleditsch and the East End Community Thrift Store (EECT) have been chosen as the recipients of the 2014 Thomas Merton Center New Person Award; this annual award honors groups working for justice and peace in the Pittsburgh community; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Shirley founded the EECT with Kathleen Conologue with the goal of providing a reliable source of income for The Merton Center while offering affordably priced clothing and household goods along with a voucher program for those in need; and

WHEREAS, raised in the Pittsburgh area, Shirley attended Langley High School; she studied music education at Grove City College and for ten years was the Youth Director at Third Presbyterian Church in Shadyside; she married her husband, Bill, in 1954 and together they became foster parents; while her husband and children have passed away, Shirley is blessed to have ten grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Shirley has served on the Board of Directors of the Thomas Merton Center and as interim Acting Director; she can always be found behind the counter at Thrifty directing the many tasks required in organizing the incoming donations and befriending those who enter the store; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is thankful for the resources and kindness that Shirley and the East End Community Thrift Store provide to the residents of our community; both have been essential parts in assisting our growing region and we are grateful for their work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Shirley Gleditsch and the East End Community Thrift Store on being the recipients of the 2014 Thomas Merton Center New Person Award.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 22nd day of May, 2014.

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