

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Talk Magazine* has chosen to honor the Tuskegee Airmen as a 2014 Black History Month Awardee for their dedication and tireless work to educate, uplift, and enrich the lives of the Pittsburgh community; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, the Tuskegee Airmen were the first graduating class of African-American aviators in the United States military to enter into World War II combat; the group included navigators, bombardiers, instructors, and maintenance and support staff; and

WHEREAS, the largest contingent of World War II enlistees in the Tuskegee Airmen program hailed from Western Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Tuskegee Airmen overcame segregation and prejudice to become one of the most highly respected fighter groups of World War II; they proved conclusively that African Americans could fly and maintain sophisticated combat aircraft; the Tuskegee Airmen's achievements, together with the men and women who supported them, paved the way for the full integration of the U.S. military; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is proud to recognize the sacrifice and dedication of the Tuskegee Airmen and what their commitment to excellence has done for our country and region; their efforts have not gone unnoticed and we are thankful for their service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate the Tuskegee Airmen on being chosen as a 2014 Black History Month Awardee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 14th day of February, 2014.

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