

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, National Welcoming Week is a nationwide event that will highlight the contributions of immigrants to American communities; throughout the country, these events will bring together immigrants and U.S.-born community members in a spirit of unity; and*

***WHEREAS**, National Welcoming Week is an initiative of Welcoming America; Welcoming America is designed to create a welcoming atmosphere – community by community – in which immigrants are more likely to integrate into the social fabric of their adopted hometowns; and*

***WHEREAS**, immigration is at the foundation of our nation and America has long been a gathering place for those in search of a new home; courageous individuals that left their homelands built our country into what it is today, and we are thankful for their sacrifices; and*

***WHEREAS**, today, we continue to welcome immigrants to America; we welcome those who come in search of the “American Dream,” those who flee their home country due to slavery or oppression, and those who are looking for a new beginning; and*

***WHEREAS**, immigrants play essential roles in our community and are leaders in business, volunteers, teachers, and mentors, just to name a few; Allegheny County is committed to creating a friendly environment in our region and our designation as a “Welcoming County” reaffirms our desire to engage immigrants in our communities and foster positive growth.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim September 13-21, 2014 as “National Welcoming Week” in Allegheny County.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 13th day of September, 2014.*

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