

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh has chosen to honor the Carnegie Museum of Natural History as a recipient of the 2014 Racial Justice Award, an annual tribute to leaders who promote equality in society; and

WHEREAS, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History hosted an exhibit titled, "Race: Are We So Different?" from March 29, 2014 through October 27, 2014; this traveling exhibit was displayed as a concerted effort to foster community conversations about the science, history, and lived experiences of race and racism locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the exhibition, housed in a 5,000 square-foot gallery, used sobering text, compelling photographs, interactive audiovisual components, and related artifacts to challenge perceptions about race and to help visitors understand why perceived differences have been used to justify discrimination; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the exhibition was supplemented by programming designed to engage visitors in broader discourse about race and racism in America, and specifically in Pittsburgh; programs included insightful lectures, culturally relevant performances, interactive explorations, and intensive workshops; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is fortunate to have the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in our region and is grateful for its work on this culturally engaging exhibition and its work to create an equal society for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate the Carnegie Museum of Natural History on receiving the 2014 Racial Justice Award and thank the museum for its commitment to promoting equality within our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 29th day of October, 2014.

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