

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh has chosen to honor Ms. Lisa B. Freeland as a recipient of the 2014 Racial Justice Award, an annual tribute to leaders who promote equality in society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeland was appointed by the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in 2004 to serve as the first African-American Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Pennsylvania; in her role as the Federal Public Defender, she supervises a staff of 40 who represent indigent defendants at all stages of the federal criminal process and in habeas corpus proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Freeland earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Tufts University, a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and her Juris Doctorate from Columbia Law School; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pittsburgh, Ms. Freeland is a frequent faculty member at local and national training programs, speaking on federal sentencing law, appellate advocacy, procedural issues in habeas corpus cases, and ethics; she is a founding member of the Boards of Governors of the Bar Association of the Third Federal Circuit, and now serves as Board President; she has been counsel of record in three cases in the United States Supreme Court over the last several years in which she was the principal drafter of the briefs in two cases, and argued one; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is fortunate to have the leadership and dedication that Ms. Freeland brings to our region and is grateful for her 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 Ms. Lisa B. Freeland on receiving the 2014 Racial Justice Award and thank her for her 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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