

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh is hosting a Party in the Parking Lot to commemorate the first 50 years of the agency in the Greater Pittsburgh region; the Party in the Parking Lot, on July 18, will also celebrate Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh's title as the 2015 Mid-Large Agency Alliance (MLAA) Agency of the Year; and

WHEREAS, nationally founded in 1904 by Ernest Coulter, the organization landed in Allegheny County in 1965 when a group of business leaders, including Paul O'Friel, Kenny Ross, Howard Rothchild, Dr. Marvin Bellin, Nate Parker, Sr., and Arnold Berger, signed a charter officially establishing Big Brothers Big Sisters of Allegheny County; and

WHEREAS, today, the local organization operates in Allegheny, Washington, and Greene counties and serves more than 1,200 children; each of these children have been personally mentored and cared for by dedicated volunteers whose impact is insurmountable; approximately 81% of former Littles agreed that their Big gave them hope and changed their perspective about what they thought possible; and

WHEREAS, mentoring brings us together – regardless of our differences in age, gender, race, religion, national origin or disabilities – and gives children the opportunity to see that anything is possible when they know the education and career opportunities that await them; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is thankful to have had Big Brother Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh in our region for the past 50 years and for the impact its staff and volunteers have made on our youth; congratulations, and thank you, too all at the organization for your hard work and dedication to the next generation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh on this exciting 50th anniversary and wish the organization many more successful years in the future!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 18th day of July, 2015.

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