

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Chalfant Borough is celebrating its centennial anniversary this year and will mark this milestone with an evening celebration/reception on Sunday, September 6, 2015 at Olympia Hall; and

WHEREAS, incorporated on December 14, 1914, Chalfant Borough is named after Henry Chalfant, a pioneer who arrived to the eastern hills of Pittsburgh in the 1800s and rose to prominence as an innkeeper, general store proprietor, and later as the first Postmaster in the Turtle Creek Area; and

WHEREAS, Chalfant Borough's founders were 52 individuals who signed into effect their departure from Wilkins Township, citing concerns regarding service and long-range planning; and

WHEREAS, in its early years, Chalfant had about 105 dwellings with a population of around 500; farming was the main occupation, but later on with the growth of the Westinghouse Electric Company and the various steel mills, labor and other skilled machinist type work took over; the farmlands began to be taken over by homes, and the population peaked in the early 1940s at about 1,430; however, after World War II, many of the veterans got married and moved, and today there are about 825 persons living in 400 homes; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is proud to be the home of Chalfant Borough and its residents; the community is known as a close-knit, resilient group that still follows the unofficial motto of its founding: "We may be small, but we do things in a big way."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Chalfant Borough, its residents, and the Centennial Committee on this exciting 100th anniversary and wish the Borough many more prosperous 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 6th day of September, 2015.

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