

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year and will mark this milestone with a special anniversary event on Thursday, June 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS, this renowned hospital began with the generosity of a young entrepreneur named Kirk LeMoyné; the son of a local pediatrician, he raised enough money in 1890 to endow a single cot dedicated to be used exclusively for babies and children; his fundraising mission would grow exponentially over the years, strengthened by generous donations from community members who shared his passion that every child deserves care, regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, over time, the funds raised to provide that single cot grew enough to provide an entire hospital; today, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC still holds true to its 125-year old mission: providing expert, compassionate care to every child in this region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, that first 15-bed hospital opened its doors on June 5, 1890; the hospital's pledge to the community began with the first patient: "The doors of Children's Hospital have been opened to all children in need of medical and surgical care regardless of race, creed or the ability of their parents to pay the cost;" and

WHEREAS, at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, young patients have a chance to do what they do best: be kids; Allegheny County is extremely thankful for the beacon of hope that the hospital has been to families in our region, and across the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, its staff, board, and volunteers on an incredible 125 years serving our community, and wish all involved much continued success 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 4th day of June, 2015.

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