

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Lunar New Year began on February 19, 2015, and, in honor, the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) Pittsburgh is celebrating with a banquet on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Syria Shriners Center; and

WHEREAS, this is year 4713 on the Chinese calendar and is also the Year of the Ram; traditionally those born in the Year of the Ram are righteous, sincere, creative, fashionable, and artistic; and

WHEREAS, the origin of the Chinese New Year dates back centuries and was once a time to honor deities and ancestors; today the celebration is observed by Chinese throughout Asia and across the world with dinners, decorations, firecrackers, and prayers; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is home to 9,829 Chinese Americans; the OCA, founded in 1937, is dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans and has over 80 chapters and affiliates across the nation to develop leadership and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese New Year celebration organized by the OCA Pittsburgh will include a 12 course Mandarin-style banquet provided by the Pittsburgh Chinese Restaurant Association, cultural entertainment by the OCA Youth Performance Ensemble and the Tzu Chi Academy, and many special guests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2015 as the start of the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Ram in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 21st day of February, 2015.

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