

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, in 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation declaring the first full week in May as “National Correctional Officers’ Week” to honor the work done by the safety personnel that protect the public and supervise offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania began its correctional system in 1770 and became the leading influence in the development of penology throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the forerunner of modern corrections; today, our Commonwealth’s correctional system has expanded into 67 county prisons and jails, with the Allegheny County Jail remaining as one of the largest facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, correctional personnel frequently work under demanding circumstances and face danger in their daily lives; they must balance growing caseloads along with providing offenders the services and resources needed to become law abiding citizens; the professionalism, dedication and courage exhibited by these officers throughout the performance of these demanding roles deserve our utmost respect; and

**WHEREAS**, the important work of correctional officers often does not receive the acknowledgement from the public it deserves; it is appropriate that we honor the many contributions and accomplishments of these men and women who often manage serious situations with limited resources and are a vital component of the field of corrections; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is proud to honor and recognize the men and women that ensure the safety of our community through the daily operations of the Allegheny County Jail and thank them for their faithful service and hard work.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2015 as “Correctional Employees Week” 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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