

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Hilltop Hose Company #3 is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and will commemorate this milestone with a dinner banquet on Saturday, March 6 at the Springdale VFW Banquet Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Hilltop Hose Co. #3 was chartered on June 27, 1916; however, the beginning of the Hose Company dates back to 1914 when a group of concerned citizens from Harrison Township noticed a population growth spread and knew an additional volunteer fire company would be necessary; and

WHEREAS, charter members included President Henry A. Young, Secretary Henry Swartz, Treasurer Nate Danver, and members W. Earl Bollinger, John P. Oncken, E.S. Meek, J.E. White, and William Wolford; Member John P. Oncken allowed the newly formed company to use his shed on Montana Avenue for its fire station; a bell was installed for turning in the alarms; and

WHEREAS, shortly after it was chartered, the Hose Company purchased a building at 1503 Third Street, along with a hose reel which was pulled to the emergencies by the members themselves; in 1926, the company moved to its current home at the corner of Cambridge and Main Street; the Hose Company in 1927 purchased a new American LaFrance Engine which was put into service, and in 1940, the first squad car was purchased; and

WHEREAS, today, the department's members play an active role the upkeep of the company and handling emergencies; the members and supporters of Hilltop Hose Co. #3 are a close knit group, with many members representing generations of families; we are thankful for the support, service, and dedication of the members to the safety of our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Hilltop Hose Company #3 on its exciting 100th anniversary!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 7th day of March, 2015.

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