

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania is hosting its biennial state convention in Pittsburgh this year at the Hotel Monaco; the local Greater Pittsburgh chapter will host the nearly 100 delegates and visitors expected to attend and will explore the theme, “Where We’ve Been and Where We’re Going;” and

WHEREAS, the League was originally founded as the Pennsylvania Women’s Suffrage Association in 1915 and fought for “votes for women” before Pennsylvania became the seventh state to ratify the federal suffrage amendment in 1919; and

WHEREAS, this year’s convention will include speakers, workshops and voting sessions on the League’s political interests for the next two years; additionally, the League will discuss ways to attract its next generation of volunteers in accordance with this year’s theme; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elsie Hillman is also being honored by the League of Women Voters this year with its “Liberty Bell” award; the award is being presented for her commitment to women’s participation in politics; Mrs. Hillman founded the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics at Chatham University and served as a Republican National Committee member for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is fortunate to have such an active local branch of the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania in our region; we have also been blessed with outstanding female role models, such as Mrs. Hillman, who constantly encourage the next generation of voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby welcome all those attending the biennial convention and commend the League of Women Voters for all that it has done to educate voters and encourage participation in the political process.

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 June, 2015.

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