

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Lucy Spruill, a long-time advocate for those with disabilities, will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 22, 2015; Ms. Spruill dedicated her life to fighting for equal rights for the disability community as well as women and minorities; and

**WHEREAS**, born on September 29, 1944, she attended college at the University of Pittsburgh and earned an undergraduate degree in speech pathology and a master's degree in social work; she had a passion for social justice and sought to make fighting for equality her life's work; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Spruill began her career with the Allegheny County Health Department and later became the director of the Roselia Center, a Catholic Charities organization; under Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy, she became the City's first Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Spruill began working for United Cerebral Palsy/Community Living and Support Services (CLASS) in 1998 and under her leadership grew the attendant care program from 120 people to more than 1,000; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, Ms. Spruill was a founder and member of the Committee for Accessible Transportation, a founding member of the Three Rivers Foundation, a member of the Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council and a member of the Pittsburgh City Planning Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby extend the most heartfelt condolences to Ms. Spruill's family and friends; her legacy will continue to live on through all the lives she has touched and we will be forever grateful for her dedication and advocacy.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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