

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, NEED is celebrating its 52nd anniversary this year and will be hosting its annual scholarship award dinner on March 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Florence Reizenstein and Marion Jordan founded NEED as a temporary program through the Urban League Education Committee; both wrote letters to influential individuals in the community to collect funds to send 76 students accepted to colleges and universities to school that were financially unable to do so on their own; today, NEED provides an array of support services for students to ensure greatly increased retention, graduation from secondary education institutions and entry in and completion of postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, NEED provides career and college access services which empower youth from the Pittsburgh region to aspire to, learn about, prepare for, and complete higher education; since its founding in 1963, NEED has supported over 20,000 deserving young people by providing nearly \$23 million in grants; and

WHEREAS, NEED offers a number of services to help students succeed including: scholarship and grant programs, educational tours of Historical Black College and Universities, access to college and career training programs, the African American Male Mentoring Initiative, the Workforce Diversity Internship program, Future NEED Scholars, and the STEM program; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is fortunate to have NEED in our community and for the blessing that it has been and will continue to be to countless students and families who call Allegheny County home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate NEED on this exciting anniversary and look forward to the many great things it will do in the years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 19th day of March, 2015.

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