

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, trained and educated with a knowledge of the law and procedures, paralegals perform specifically delegated legal work for which a lawyer is responsible; these individuals are an invaluable source of support to the lawyers and firms for which they work; and

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Paralegal Association (PPA) is a voluntary, non-profit association that was formed in 1977 to promote the professional development and continuing education of paralegals; and

WHEREAS, the organization has over 200 members from the greater Pittsburgh region from all areas of the legal community including law firms, banks, corporations, hospitals, the public sector, and educational institutions; members receive many benefits, some of which are free seminars and CLE programs, access to the PPA's job bank, pro bono programs, and networking opportunities; and

WHEREAS, paralegals perform essential tasks and are experts in research, interviewing clients and witnesses, and legal correspondence, among many other skills; the work they perform is essential to the proper representation of clients; and

WHEREAS, the PPA has provided paralegals with a community of support for their work and education; in addition to providing benefits for its members, the PPA also provides mentorship opportunities, scholarships, and a job bank with information regarding current job openings for paralegals; Allegheny County is thankful for the paralegals in our region and the dedicated service they provide to our residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim July 31, 2015 as "Paralegal Day" 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 29th day of July, 2015.

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