

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, this year marks the 74th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor; in recognition of this historic day, the Heinz History Center is hosting a Flag Folding Ceremony, during which United States veterans will be honored for their service; and

WHEREAS, just before 8 a.m. on December 7, 1941, hundreds of Japanese fighter planes attacked the American naval base at Pearl Harbor near Honolulu, Hawaii; the barrage lasted just two hours, but it was devastating; and

WHEREAS, many men and women joined the Armed Forces to protect our great nation; their decision to serve our country is highly respected and we are eternally grateful for their courage and selfless spirit; and

WHEREAS, today, and every day, we thank Thomas E. Wiley of the U.S. Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force; Henry Parham of the U.S. Army; Walter Patton of the U.S. Army; Warren G. Goss of the U.S. Army; Ila Mae S. Cole of the U.S. Navy WAVES; Emily Drake of the U.S. Army Air Force; Howard W. Pfeifer of the U.S. Merchant Maritime; and Pete Maurin of the U.S. Navy for their service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim thank each of these veterans for the sacrifices and dedication to our country and declare December 7, 2015 as "Pearl Harbor 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 7th day of December, 2015.

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