

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Pittsburgh Blues Festival takes place July 24-26, 2015 at Hartwood Acres Park; the festival, a benefit for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, has been a summer favorite for decades and includes a full line-up of national and local blues music; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pittsburgh Blues Festival is Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's largest annual event, raising over \$2 million to fight hunger over its 20 years; this year, the festival will feature headliner Buddy Guy performing on Saturday night; and

**WHEREAS**, Buddy Guy, a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, has been a major influence on rock legends such as Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, and Stevie Ray Vaughan; he is a pioneer of Chicago's fabled West Side sounds, and a living link to that city's halcyon days of electric blues; and

**WHEREAS**, Buddy Guy has received six Grammy Awards, along with a 2015 Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award, 34 Blues Music Awards, the Billboard magazine Century Award for distinguished artistic achievement, and the Presidential National Medal of Arts; Rolling Stone ranked Buddy Guy in the top 25 of its "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time;" and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is proud to once again host the Pittsburgh Blues Festival in Hartwood Acres Park and we are honored to have Buddy Guy as the headliner at this exciting event; his contributions to the music world are immeasurable and we are thankful for his participation in the Pittsburgh Blues Festival.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim Saturday, July 25, 2015 as "Buddy Guy 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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