

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Recorder of Deeds Association (PRODA) is hosting its 67th Annual Convention on June 7-12, 2015 at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, PRODA is a state-wide membership organization of all 67 county Recorders of Deeds and Recording Officers; PRODA meets annually for an educational and business conference in various sites throughout Pennsylvania, hosted by that county's Recorders of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Recorder of Deeds was provided for in the Constitution of 1776 to guarantee ownership of all real property; prior to the establishment of the office, the transfer of property was done in front of witnesses standing on the particular piece of property to be transferred; however, no record of such transfer was recorded in any government office; since the 1700s, Pennsylvania Recorders of Deeds offices house millions of deeds, mortgages and miscellaneous documents in various media, from historical paper bound books, to microfilm, to digitized scanned images and electronic paperless form; and

WHEREAS, locally, Allegheny County has created a Real Estate Office which consists of the former Office of the Recorder of Deeds and the mapping and ownership sections of the Office of Property Assessments; this office continues to maintain all the essential documents that the Office of the Recorder of Deeds did, and provides easy and convenient public access to them; and

WHEREAS, we are proud that PRODA has chosen to host its annual convention in our community this year; each employee in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds plays an essential role in preserving our history and serving our citizens, and we are thankful for their service to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby wish all attending PRODA's 67th Annual Convention a very productive, educational, and enjoyable time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 9th day of June, 2015.

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