

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Chief Charlie Belgie, Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator for Moon Township, has retired after many years of inspirational and committed leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Belgie, a lifelong resident of Moon Township, joined the Moon Township Volunteer Fire Company at the age of 16 in 1946 as a Junior Firefighter; he went on to serve in the United States Navy for four years during the Korean War, and when he returned home became the Vice President of the Fire Company from 1953-1954; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Belgie was elected Captain in 1955, and Assistant Fire Chief in 1956 where he served under his father, who was Chief at the time; in 1974, Chief Belgie was elected Fire Chief of the Company, succeeding his father, a position he held for 35 years; Chief Belgie is the longest tenured Fire Chief in Moon Township's history; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Belgie was appointed by Governor Thornburg as the Moon Township Emergency Management Coordinator in 1985, a position that he held for 29 years; he has served as a member of the Allegheny County Fireman's Advisory Board and is a member and past president of the Allegheny County Fire Chiefs Association; Chief Belgie was also chairman of the statewide advisory board of the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute from 2006-2010; and

**WHEREAS**, we rely heavily upon our firefighters and emergency management staff to ensure the safety of our residents, visitors, and communities; Without the work of Chief Belgie, we would not have been able to provide the services that our residents depend on, and we thank him for his work and dedication.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Chief Charlie Belgie on his well-deserved retirement and wish him all the best 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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