

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the South Side Market House is celebrating its 100th anniversary on Saturday, August 29, 2015; the centennial celebration will include ethnic food specialties, Bingo, the Citiparks Roving Art Cart, a Health and Resource Fair, and music; and

WHEREAS, the South Side Market House has served as a grocery, youth center, and now a senior center; listed on the National Register of Historic Places, located within a City Historic District, and awarded a Historic Landmark plaque, this building is one of the last two remaining 19th-century market houses in Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Charles Bickel designed the original Market House in 1893-95; this structure was destroyed by a fire and rebuilt in 1915; Bickel's Romanesque walls survived, but his four peaked towers were destroyed and a new gable roof was added; and

WHEREAS, during the Depression years, youth dances were held on the second floor to help keep kids off the street and in 1943, the Market House became a recreation and community center; on May 19, 1978, the dedication and opening of the "New" South Side Market House was celebrated; the building had been remodeled to house senior citizen programs, pre-school programs, athletic events, and community get-togethers; and

WHEREAS, the recreation center was closed in 2011 for interior renovations to be made, particularly to the basement; the Market House now offers hot lunches, Bingo, and other activities and events for those who find a place within the historic building; Allegheny County is proud to celebrate 100 years of the South Side Market House in our community, and we are thankful for the resource and lifeline it has been to many of our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate the South Side Market House, its staff, and volunteers on this exciting centennial celebration and anniversary.

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 August, 2015.

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