

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on Friday, October 9, 2015 students from Baldwin High School and J.E. Harrison Middle School will take part in “Students Stand with Malala Day” by viewing the film “He Named Me Malala;” and

WHEREAS, “He Named Me Malala” details the heroic story of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan’s Swat Valley; the then 15 year old was singled out, along with her father, for advocating for girls’ education; and

WHEREAS, Malala miraculously survived the attack and today is a leading voice for girls’ education globally and is a co-founder of the Malala Fund; the Malala Fund works to enable girls to complete 12 years of safe, quality education so that they can achieve their potential and be positive change-makers in their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Baldwin-Whitehall School District is home to 4,170 students and receives and supports the largest number of international refugees in the region; the school district has been lauded for its efforts with a Refugee Children School Impact Aid grant and over the last few years has taught students Pakistan, Iraq, Eritrea, Liberia, Somalia, Sudan, Vietnam, Nepal, Bosnia, Ukraine, Thailand, and Myanmar; and

WHEREAS, around the world, over 60 million girls are missing out on education; a quality education through secondary level gives girls the skills they need to thrive and take on leadership roles in their communities; education helps prevent girls from being married as children and gives them greater control over their relationships; Allegheny County is proud to support the education of girls and the Malala Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2015 as “Students Stand with Malala 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 9th day of October, 2015.

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