

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Three Rivers Youth is celebrating its 135th anniversary this year and will celebrate with a fundraising gala at the Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel on May 15, 2015; the event will also mark the induction of 25 advocates for disadvantaged youth into the Three Rivers Youth Leadership Hall of Fame; and*

WHEREAS, *the organization, founded in 1880, has a mission to preserve and unite families, combat homelessness, enhance educational opportunities and build life skills for at-risk youth; Three Rivers Youth was established in Allegheny City, now Pittsburgh's North Side, by Reverend J.M. Fulton; he discovered a young girl, about age four or five, wandering the banks of river, and determined she was an orphan; however, no orphanage would accept her because she was African-American; thus, along with Mrs. Julia Blair, he established the Home for Colored Children; and*

WHEREAS, *in 1893, a residence on Termon Avenue was purchased and the organization became known as the Termon Avenue Home; subsequently, the Home merged with the predominately white Girls' Service Club in 1970, and the two organizations formed Three Rivers Youth; and*

WHEREAS, *today, Three Rivers Youth serves youth and families in need, regardless of race; the organization provides many services, including: Family Partnership (in-home interventions), Therapeutic Group Homes, Emergency Shelter, Behavioral Health Services, and Homeless Youth Services; and*

WHEREAS, *Allegheny County is extremely fortunate to have had Three Rivers Youth in our community for over a century; the board, staff, and volunteers have dedicated their lives to caring for and providing for our youth, and their work is unmatched.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Three Rivers Youth on this exciting 135th anniversary and wish the organization continued success in the future.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 15th day of May, 2015.*

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