

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

***WHEREAS**, the Ultimate Play Day is a daylong celebration focused on the idea that play is a crucial aspect of everyone's life; hosted by the Playful Pittsburgh Collaborative, this year's Ultimate Play Day will be held on Sunday, April 26 at Burgwin Park in Hazelwood; and*

***WHEREAS**, this year, the event will feature outdoor play, an opportunity to create with natural materials such as small logs and acorns, games made from recycled material, art, the imagination playground, storytelling sessions, hula hoop play, and drum circles; and*

***WHEREAS**, in addition to inspiring innovative play, the Ultimate Play Day will educate families, educators, and decision makers about how they can incorporate play into their everyday lives; each activity has been carefully selected so that they may be replicated at home, in classrooms, and at neighborhood parks; and*

***WHEREAS**, when a child plays make-believe, they develop a critical cognitive skill called executive function; executive function has a number of different elements, but a central one is the ability to self-regulate; children with good self-regulation are able to control their emotions and behavior, resist impulses, and exert self-control and discipline; and*

***WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is proud to be a member of the Playful Pittsburgh Collaborative, and to lend its assistance by encouraging play throughout our community.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2015 as "The Ultimate Play 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.*

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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