

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *National Welcoming Week is a nationwide event that highlights the contributions of immigrants to American communities; throughout the country, these events will bring together immigrants and U.S.-born community members in a spirit of unity; and*

WHEREAS, *Allegheny County's success depends on making sure that all feel welcome here; immigrants are a vital part of our community – bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses, and contributing to the vibrant diversity that we all value; and*

WHEREAS, *by working together, we can achieve greater prosperity and make our community the kind of place where diverse people from around the world feel valued and want to put down roots; and*

WHEREAS, *in celebration of National Welcoming Week, Allegheny County, in coordination with the Allegheny County Library Association, is hosting various activities to engage immigrants and longer term residents in sharing cultures and developing mutual appreciation and understanding; events will include films, ethnic dinners, and discussions on different types of cultures; and*

WHEREAS, *Allegheny County is committed to creating a friendly environment in our region and our designation as a "Welcoming County" reaffirms our desire to engage immigrants in our communities and foster positive growth.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim September 12-20, 2015 as "Welcoming Week" 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 12th day of September, 2015.*

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