

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Dignity and Respect Campaign, launched in 2009, was established as a community-based initiative to encourage and promote the message of inclusion; it has now spread across the country as a means to promote and foster a genuine appreciation and acceptance of all people; and

WHEREAS, the Dignity and Respect Campaign has a mission to unify under a shared belief that everyone deserves dignity and respect by encouraging behavioral change in individuals, communities, schools, and organizations; the Campaign teaches people how to build cultural awareness to appreciate differences and find common ground with people who are different than themselves; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of January, individuals are encouraged to treat others the way they would like to be treated through acts of kindness, community service, and by taking the pledge stating, "I will do my part to make our world a better place by treating everyone with dignity and respect;" and

WHEREAS, this Campaign is a celebrated resource for many organizations and can be used as a tool to combat bullying and harassment based on race, ethnicity, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or culture; through the "30 Tips of Dignity & Respect," it is made clear that even the smallest gestures can have the biggest impact including: listening, finding common ground, being flexible, and saying thank you; and

WHEREAS, the Campaign advocates for an environment of positivity and sportsmanship on and off the playing field through widely-recognized athletes, and foundations, sporting events, and league representatives; the Campaign also works with local and national policy leaders, community representatives, educators, professional athletes, and other thought-influencers to spread the Campaign's message of acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim January 2015 as "Dignity and Respect Month" in Allegheny County.

FURTHERMORE, I hereby encourage all residents to treat others with dignity and respect not only during the month of January, but throughout the year.

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 January, 2016.

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