

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all; this past year, more than 56,000 women and families were helped along life's way by the organization; and

WHEREAS, for 26 years, the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh has honored the women, men and organizations that work to eliminate racial inequity in everyday life and fight for inclusion throughout greater Pittsburgh communities; in particular, the Racial Justice Awards recipients symbolize leadership and have set a path for others who want to be good stewards; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of individuals working in outreach and moving an institution or community toward transformation in equity and diversity is an integral part of the Annual Racial Justice Awards; not only does the awardee demonstrate a long-term commitment to community-wide equity, but is also a trailblazer or visionary leader in efforts to eliminate racism; and

WHEREAS, this year, Kathi R. Elliott, DNP, MSW, CRNP has been selected as the recipient of a 2017 Racial Justice Award in the category of Community Engagement as an individual; Ms. Elliott is Executive Director of Gwen's Girls, and has over 20 years of experience in social service, community, and individual mental health treatment; advocacy and giving back to others in need is a value that was instilled in her by her mother and founder of Gwen's Girls, the late Commander Gwen Elliott; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Ms. Elliott, and the other recipients of the 2017 Racial Justice Awards, have made all of the difference in our city, county and region; this recognition of the leaders who work to eliminate racial inequity stand as markers of change for all of us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Kathi R. Elliott for being named a 2017 Racial Justice Award recipient, and commend the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh for its efforts to recognize the leaders, sung and unsung, who work collaboratively in our community to improve it on a daily basis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 8th day of November, 2017.

Rich Fitzgerald

RICH FITZGERALD