

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 that have initiated a program or policy that supports equity and inclusion in the greater community or within the educational entity; recognizing those individuals who have demonstrated successful implementation of equity programs, diversity recruitment or have a broadly known commitment to an inclusive experience for students, faculty and staff is an integral part of the Annual Racial Justice Awards; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Nina Marie Barbuto has been selected as the recipient of a 2017 Racial Justice Award in the category of Education; the founder of Assemble, a community space for arts + technology, Ms. Barbuto's passion for art, new media and social learning is also the co-founder of I Made It! Market; the market partners with community, arts, and non-profit organizations to raise fund and awareness to assist in improving communities while allowing local artists and crafters to sell their wares; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts of Ms. Barbuto, 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 Nina Marie Barbuto 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

RICH FITZGERALD