

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 students who demonstrate an outstanding commitment and level of activity to community transformation is an integral part of the Annual Racial Justice Awards; the fact that the awardee also exemplifies strong leadership skills, actively participates in volunteerism, and demonstrates long-term dedication to eliminating racism, promoting social justice, equal rights, racial diversity and inclusion bodes well for our community; and

WHEREAS, this year, Peyton Klein has been selected as recipient of a 2017 Racial Justice Award in the Youth Achievement category; a sophomore at Taylor Allderdice High School, she is the founder of The Global Minds Initiative, a student-led movement to combat cultural intolerance and discrimination in high schools; the program has expanded into a second high school and Peyton plans to have the program reach 10 more by the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Miss Klein, 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 Peyton Klein 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

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