

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Reverend Erwin McIntosh Jr. was chosen as the new minister at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been a guiding influence for moral, spiritual, and cultural improvement in Allegheny County for more than 200 years; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Rev. McIntosh began preaching the Gospel in 1997 and was ordained as an Itinerant Elder in the AME Church in 2002; prior to serving Bethel AME, he was pastor at Payne Chapel AME Church in Hamilton, Ohio for seven years; he refers to himself as a headwaiter, instead of pastor, because he believes his job is to set an example of how to serve and is therefore the first to serve; and

WHEREAS, Rev. McIntosh holds degrees from the University of Cincinnati, Central Michigan University, and Payne Theological Seminary; he proudly served his country as a Medical Lab Technologist in the United States Army; he is a past president of the Greater Cincinnati Ministerial Alliance and is a Workforce Development Specialist for Easterseals Serving Greater Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Rev. McIntosh brings with him a wonderful family; he soon will celebrate his 37th wedding anniversary with his wife, Jacqueline; he has four sons, Erwin III, Stephen Christopher, Jamale, and Jonathan, and four grandchildren, Hunter Isaiah, Alayna Morgan, Logan James, and Mya Christine; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Bethel AME Church and its talented leaders have been integral parts of our community, bringing much to this county through their service; Pittsburgh's oldest African-American congregation provides food to neighborhood families, scholarships to aspiring young adults, transportation to those in need, and vital assistance to single mothers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby welcome Reverend Erwin McIntosh Jr. and his family to Allegheny County and the Bethel AME Church. I wish he and the congregation continued success, inspiration and love.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 10th day of December 2017.

Rich Fitzgerald

RICH FITZGERALD