

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Gateway Health, which supports the health-care needs of low-income, at-risk citizens in Allegheny County, is celebrating its 25th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the managed-care organization was established as an alternative to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare's Medical Assistance program; it enrolled its first member in Allegheny County in 1993 and has since expanded to serve more than 550,000 customers across six states; its network includes over 35,000 health care providers, 300 hospitals and more than 21,000 physicians, pharmacies and clinics; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, it became the first Medicaid health plan in the nation to receive an "Excellent" rating by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), and it earned that honor six straight years; and

WHEREAS, Gateway Health provides county citizens with vital, potentially lifesaving health education programs, including for asthma, diabetes, burns, neurological issues, strokes, and general health awareness and literacy; it has worked to combat local health issues, along with partners like the Health Department, to create and lead education initiatives relating to opioid abuse and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Gateway Health makes significant contributions to many important local and national nonprofit organizations, including the American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, American Red Cross, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, March of Dimes, Pittsburgh Catholic Charities, Pittsburgh Literacy Council, United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, and the Women's Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate and commend Gateway Health for serving some of Allegheny County's most vulnerable citizens for 25 years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 11th day of December, 2017.

Rich Fitzgerald

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