

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, *The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Pittsburgh Battalion provides substantial training and other services to teenagers in western Pennsylvania, making them better individuals and citizens; and*

**WHEREAS**, *since 1964, the Pittsburgh Battalion, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Navy League Council, has served the region for more than 50 years; it currently has eight staff members, all but one from Allegheny County, and 55 cadets, more than 40 of which live in the county; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Pittsburgh Battalion is structured around America's four sea services, military core values, and our nation's maritime traditions; along with military-oriented training, it offers numerous courses, including safe boating, search-and-rescue, the culinary arts, and survival; it recently added science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) training, which according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, is critical to our nation's innovation and competitiveness; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Pittsburgh Battalion gives cadets ages 10-17 a strong foundation in academics, social skills, teamwork, critical thinking, and community involvement; it also cultivates patriotism, courage, self-reliance, confidence, and strong moral character; the Naval Sea Cadet Corps ranked the Pittsburgh Battalion among the top five units in the country based on cadet attendance, training programs and completion, and community service; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Pittsburgh Battalion cadets participate in many important veterans-oriented activities and often act as the color guard at other local events; they not only make Allegheny County a better place to live by becoming exemplary citizens and role models, they also make significant contributions to the community through their numerous volunteer efforts.*

**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 the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Pittsburgh Battalion for its success and hard work in youth development and community service.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.*

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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