

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh is hosting the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Racial Justice Awards on Friday, November 22, 2019 at the Omni William Penn Hotel, where individuals and organizations that have demonstrated their commitment to racial equity through their efforts to build community, conduct research, shift policies, raise awareness and empower people of color and immigrants are being honored; among this year's honorees is Michelle Sandidge, Founder and President of the Alliance for Police Accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all; it envisions a community that advances education, opportunity, and equity regardless of gender, race, or background; the organization's programs serve more than 60,000 women, children, and families each year; and

**WHEREAS**, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh selected Michelle Sandidge as a recipient of the Bridge Builder Award; the award recognizes an individual or group that advances policies and support for racial and immigrant justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Michelle has worked through the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh to create and oversee numerous programs that improve the quality of life for Pittsburgh residents, in particular public housing youth and families; a former public housing resident, Michelle's devotion to urban youth is demonstrated by the many resources which have been developed to serve young public housing residents; and

**WHEREAS**, we are extremely thankful to all of the awardees for showing a significant commitment to eradicating inequality and creating an even more vibrant and welcoming Allegheny County; their tremendous efforts stand as markers of change and examples for all of us to follow.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Michelle Sandidge for being named a 2019 Racial Justice Award recipient, and commend YWCA Greater Pittsburgh for recognizing local leaders who work collaboratively to make a profoundly positive difference in the lives of people of color and immigrants.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2019.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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