

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Jerry MacCleary, Chairman and CEO of Covestro LLC, is retiring after four decades serving the company (and its predecessor) in various roles, including as an accountant, sales, marketing, general management, and in strategic leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry joined Bayer in 1979 as an accountant, but quickly moved into other positions with increasing responsibility and leadership roles; in 2004, he became head of the North American Polyurethane business – a responsibility he maintained even after taking the helm as president in 2012; he then led the North American organization through its separation from Bayer and establishment as an independent company called Covestro, becoming its Chairman and CEO in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry is well-known as an advocate of projects that advance sustainability, innovation and diversity; nationally, he chairs the Board Sustainability Committee for the American Chemistry Council while, locally, he serves as co-chair of CEOs for Sustainability – a local initiative encouraging companies of all sizes to adopt more sustainable business practices; he is also a co-chair of The Advanced Leadership Initiative (TALI), which aims to promote corporate diversity and build a continuous pipeline of African American leaders in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, born and raised in Pittsburgh, Jerry is passionate about his hometown and is actively engaged in the community; he serves on the boards of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Variety the Children's Charity, Imani Christian Academy, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation, and is a former co-chair of the United Way's annual campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, to the families served by Variety – the Children's Charity, Jerry has become a champion for children with disabilities; he is a well-known advocate for the 'My Bike' program, and through his support and the help of Covestro and other local companies, has raised funds to provide adaptive bikes for children with special needs to live life to the fullest through mobility; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry has left a lasting imprint on Covestro, its employees and many citizens throughout the region through his professional life, and has been just as impactful for our community and nonprofit organizations in his personal life; we are grateful to have individuals like Jerry MacCleary, who lead by example, in Allegheny County; he is truly a great asset of our community and the region and we wish him health, happiness and all the best as he begins to enjoy the fruits of his well-earned retirement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2019 as "Jerry MacCleary Day" in Allegheny County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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