

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, in May 1984, President Reagan issued a proclamation creating “National Correctional Officers’ Week;” 12 years later, in an effort to rightfully pay tribute to all who serve in corrections across the country, Congress changed the name of the observance to “National Correctional Officers and Employees Week;” and

**WHEREAS**, correctional officers and employees are responsible for the custody, care, and rehabilitation of millions of offenders nationwide, including thousands in Allegheny County, as well as the maintenance of our safe and secure facilities; they serve admirably in many different capacities and are essential to day-to-day operations; and

**WHEREAS**, often underappreciated, correctional officers and employees ensure public safety as well as teach, train and mentor; they often provide offenders with direction and hope as well as promote successful reentry into our communities; those who choose these noble professions sometimes face challenging, demanding, stressful situations that could potentially put their lives and health at risk and are selfless, courageous, capable, committed, patient, and persistent professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, in Allegheny County, we join individuals, organizations, and state and local governments from across the country in celebrating the accomplishments of our correctional personnel, paying particular attention to those who have excelled at their jobs, provided meritorious service, retired from service, or passed away during the past year; and

**WHEREAS**, the hundreds of people working in corrections in Allegheny County make a profoundly positive difference; keeping our more than 1.2 million residents safe while bettering the lives of countless individuals, including those who have been incarcerated, is a tremendous responsibility; for their incredible dedication, hard work, and sacrifice, they deserve our upmost respect, appreciation, and praise, not just during one week in May, but throughout the year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim May 4-8, 2020, as "Correctional Employees Week" in Allegheny County and commend our correctional employees for their vital contributions to our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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