

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Harry D. Clark is celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this year; deeply appreciated and loved by his family and friends and colleagues, they are joining together, albeit virtually, to celebrate his birthday and wish him many more wonderful years to come; and

**WHEREAS**, born May 27, 1940, Dr. Clark graduated from West View High School, now part of the North Hills School District; he earned both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees in music education from Duquesne University and earned his Ph.D. in education from the University of Pittsburgh; and

**WHEREAS**, his personal life was as robust as his professional one; Dr. Clark and his wife Barbara, who is now deceased, had two daughters, Dina and Teri; the Clark family also includes four grandsons – Xander, Kaleo, Ryan and Donovan; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Clark retired from Pittsburgh Public Schools as an administrator after 30 years of service; he was instrumental in founding the Pittsburgh High School for Creative and Performing Arts, the first public arts high school in western Pennsylvania, where he served as principal; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his impressive life, Dr. Clark has consulted for schools in various cities across the country as well as prominent organizations including The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, The Council of Chief State School Officers, the U.S. Department of Education's Special Projects Committee and the American Council for the Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, able to bridge his experiences in education with community-related endeavors, Dr. Clark served as the Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., a member of the Board of Directors of Bridgeway Capital, an advisor to the African American Jazz Preservation Society of Pittsburgh, a board member of Kente Arts Alliance, co-president of the newly-formed Lighthouse, Inc., and a member for over 30 years to the University's Jazz Seminar Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Clark, due to his expansive career, is the recipient of countless awards and accolades for his many accomplishments including being inducted into Duquesne University's Century Club of Outstanding Alumni and being honored by the Senator John Heinz History Center in Association with the Smithsonian Institution's award as a 2019 History Maker in Education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim May 27, 2020, as "Dr. Harry D. Clark Day" in Allegheny County, and wish him a very happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday as well as health and happiness in all his years to come.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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