

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in February 2013, County Manager William D. McKain CPA, re-instituted the Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award and created the Exemplary Employee Award to recognize exceptional achievements by a county employee or employee group; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing dozens of submitted nominations, the County Manager selected Eli Thomas, Geographic Information System (GIS) Manager in the Computer Services Division of Allegheny County Administrative Services, as the recipient of the Exemplary Employee Award; Eli is being recognized in the category of innovation and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Eli started as a GIS analyst in 2007 and, in 2015, accepted the position of GIS Manager; in that role, he has excelled at delivering GIS projects and leading his team; one of those projects is the award-winning Parks Trails Mobile App which was recognized by ESRI as a best-in-class application and garnered an ESRI special achievement in GIS (SAG) award; more recently, he facilitated the creation of the Landslide Portal which provides historical and current map data on where landslides and slope failures occurred or exist, allowing municipal leaders to be proactive in addressing potential issues; and

WHEREAS, *Eli demonstrates strong leadership skills; he has built a high-performing GIS team by encouraging continuous professional growth and fostering a true team environment; that is reflected in the strong relationships his team has developed with other county departments, assisting with a plethora of projects and regular training sessions held to encourage GIS use throughout all departments; and*

WHEREAS, *Allegheny County is extremely grateful for Eli Thomas and his GIS work on behalf of the Computer Services Division of Allegheny County Administrative Services; his knowledge, work philosophy and guidance have contributed greatly to county operations, enabling us to better serve our residents; he is wholly deserving of the recognition provided by the Exemplary Employee Award.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that I, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, along with County Council Member Robert Palmosina, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Eli Thomas, GIS Manager for the Department of Computer Services, on receiving the Exemplary Employee Award in the category of innovation and creativity for his skill, leadership and dedication to creating mechanisms through GIS that serve our county residents.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 29th day of October, 2019.*

Rich Fitzgerald

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Robert Palmosina

ROBERT PALMOSINA
COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 12