

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Joe Gavlik has been hiking the halls of the county and the streets of downtown Pittsburgh for 50 years since first starting as a temporary employee in the summer of 1969; now he has said ‘enough is enough’ and will be retiring as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the county and Division Manager of Computer Services; and

**WHEREAS**, well before Devlin Hodges’ name became known in Pittsburgh, Joe’s duck calls were legendary – no matter the time or place, those ‘quacking’ up and needing immediate attention received it due to Joe’s diligence and commitment; also – because he didn’t want to keep hearing the quacking; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time at the county, Joe has exhibited extreme patience with errors that occur between the seat and the computer; his tolerance for passwords like ‘123456’ and ‘password’ seem to have no bounds; sentence passwords are a favorite – and we’re guessing his is ‘That’sit\_I’mretiring!’ or that it may be as simple as ‘I’m\$%^&\*((\*^#\$\$%^ofhere;’ and

**WHEREAS**, Joe has survived county commissioners and three county executives; he has led the county and its employees to new services based in technology and innovation; he has been the kind of leader that allows his employees to thrive and have a vested interest, themselves, in the future of the division; and he has built long-standing relationships and friendships on trust, honesty, and integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, with his forthcoming retirement, Joe will finally have plenty of time to sit back and give advice to others, even though he never followed it himself – can do what he wants, when he wants; and while he’s slightly older in some places, we know that he’ll remain young at heart; after decades of service to Allegheny county, and this job, Joe can stop living at work and start working at living.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim today, December 2, 2019, as “Joe Gavlik Day” in Allegheny County. We thank you for everything you did on behalf of this county, its employees and its residents and wish you the best as you begin to enjoy the fruits of your labors in a well-deserved retirement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2019.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE