

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in February 2013, the County Manager's Office 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 Mr. Dennis Biondo, Esq. as the recipient of the 2022 Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award; Dennis first began working for the county in October 1977 when he joined the Law Department; in 1986, he began working with the Kanes as their solicitor, later being named the director, a position he has held for the last 19 years; and

WHEREAS, ask anyone who knows him, and Dennis is described as a stand-up person who quietly works behind the scenes but whose contributions are mighty; he is lauded by his coworkers and colleagues as a man who is effective and efficient in his work and is the ultimate utility player for the county; and

WHEREAS, Dennis graduated from Churchill High School before pursuing his bachelor's degree at Penn State University and earned his law degree from Duquesne University Law School in 1976; he was admitted to the bar in November of that year and hired on to the Law Department the year under Solicitor Alex Jaffurs and Deputy Solicitor (later Solicitor and Judge) James McLean; in his early years in the department in the Jones Law Building, he shared an office with current Solicitor George Janocsko where the two worked mostly on mental health commitments and juvenile court matters; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Dennis was assigned as solicitor for the jail and inherited all of the litigation and court proceedings related to the “old” jail; it was a constant and demanding assignment that Dennis handled with great aplomb that was ultimately resolved when the commissioners voted to build a new jail; it was in 1986 that Dennis’ assignment saw him taking on a new challenge – the Kane Centers that have cared for the elderly and disabled of the county since 1958; in 2004, he became the director of the Kanes; and

WHEREAS, under Dennis’ leadership, the Kane Community Living Centers have become nimble facilities providing quality nursing and rehabilitation services; the four locations have focused on providing resources and services that the community needs like aging in place choices, transitional and specialty care units, and telemedicine; the Kanes have embraced technology, participated in pilot programs to improve patient outcomes, and have been continuously recognized with 4- and 5-star ratings and as some of the best nursing homes in the state; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is extremely grateful for the service of Dennis Biondo, Esq. and his nearly 45 years of dedication to this county; his commitment to, not only do his job but anything else asked of or needed by this county, has not gone unnoticed, and we thank him for all that he has done for the residents of Allegheny County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Mr. Dennis Biondo, Esq. on receiving the 2022 Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award for his public service and dedication to this county on behalf of our residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 30th day of March, 2023.



RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE