

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 Mr. Clarence Hopson as the recipient of the 2016 Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award; Mr. Hopson has worked for the county since 1980 and is currently the Deputy Director of the Allegheny County Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, Clarence was nominated by Andrew Baechle, Director of the Parks Department, in the categories of Exceptional Productivity & Efficiency, Exceptional Customer Service and Innovation and Creativity for his work over the past 36 years for Allegheny County; Clarence has served many roles in our county government with an outstanding work performance and professionalism and the pride he takes in the Parks Department is second to none; and

WHEREAS, Clarence's knowledge throughout his time at the county makes him an invaluable member of the Parks Department; his easy-going personality has helped him form numerous relationships that help Parks get things done in the most efficient ways possible; and

WHEREAS, Clarence has developed great working relationships with our laborers and supervisors, has been able to maximize the efficiency of the work being done through the parks system, is able to leverage the work of our employees along with volunteers to make improvements, and has made minor changes which will lead to extensive savings over time; and

WHEREAS, Clarence also helps supervise all of our recreational facilities, manages the hiring and day-to-day operations of the facilities, and interacts with full-time, part-time and seasonal employees with ease; he is frequently seen visiting the facilities or attending events on the weekends or evenings in his own time, just to see how things are going; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is extremely grateful for the service of Deputy Director Clarence Hopson of the Allegheny County Parks Department; his dedication to this county, and his job, have not gone unnoticed, and we commend him for all that he does, each and every day, for the residents of Allegheny County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Council Member DeWitt Walton and the entire County Council, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby congratulate Mr. Clarence Hopson on receiving the Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award for his knowledge, integrity and work ethic 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 25th day of January, 2017.

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DEWITT WALTON
DISTRICT 10, COUNTY COUNCIL