

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, when Older Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthdays; about a third of older Americans lived in poverty and there were few programs to meet their needs; and*

***WHEREAS**, according to the 2010 census, 277,897 citizens ages 60 and older call Allegheny County home; regardless of age and ability, the county is committed to helping all individuals live longer, healthier lives; and*

***WHEREAS**, in accordance with this year's national theme, "Blaze a Trail," older Americans play a vital role in advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities – paving the way for future generations; Allegheny County includes a thriving community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for all; and*

***WHEREAS**, in honor of Older Americans Month, the Allegheny County Department of Human Services' Area Agency on Aging is hosting a number of events with its contracted senior center providers including a Cinco de Mayo party, ice cream social, luncheon, shopping trip, talent show, and more; and*

***WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is thankful for the contributions older Americans make to our community; all senior adults should be able to live safe, healthy, and independent lives, and through various programs and initiatives, we strive to make this dream possible.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as "Older Americans Month" in Allegheny County.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 1st day of May, 2016.*

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