

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, *Luminari*, a nonprofit organization that enhances and enriches the lives of young people in Allegheny County, is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; and

**WHEREAS**, *Luminari* was founded in 2009 by Hilda Fu to support and create activities for teenagers that broaden their minds, inspire innovation, and promote community engagement through summer camps at The Ellis School; its goal is to foster leadership, civility, and respect as well as to make the Pittsburgh region an even more prosperous, vibrant, and harmonious home to its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, *Luminari* now hosts four camps each summer; “I Want to be an Ambassador!” helps teens master the skills of a successful ambassador, especially the vital art of diplomacy, and includes visits from business and elected officials as well as a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit with diplomats and tour foreign embassies; “Speak and Tell!” helps teens develop the thinking, speaking, and relaxation skills needed to deliver a strong speech; “Teen Writer!” stimulates creativity and refines critical thinking to help teens’ fiction come alive; and “Camp Delicious!” helps teens gain the skills and confidence in the kitchen necessary to create mouth-watering meals; and

**WHEREAS**, *Luminari* serves all interested local teenagers and actively recruits students from a wide range of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds, including those from under-served communities, immigrants, refugees, and those who speak English as a second language; camp alums have gone on to make a profoundly positive difference and become leaders in our community and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, by partnering with important organizations, such as the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, World Affairs Council, Propel Schools, and Crossroads Foundation, *Luminari* has once again shown that when we work together, we can accomplish great things; we are fortunate to have *Luminari* in Allegheny County, and we thank the organization for nurturing education, innovation, and art in our region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2019, as “*Luminari Day*” in Allegheny County. We congratulate Hilda Fu and her team on the organization’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wish them many more successful years to come.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

RICH FITZGERALD