WHEREAS, Arsenal Family & Children’s Center is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and will commemorate this milestone with a reception on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at West Penn Hospital’s Winter Garden; and

WHEREAS, Arsenal Family & Children’s Center has a mission to promote and to be an advocate for the healthy development of young children and support their parents in building a nurturing relationship with each child; and

WHEREAS, founded in Pittsburgh’s Lawrenceville neighborhood in 1953 by Dr. Benjamin Spock, the center was originally designed as a training site for pediatric students to study child development in an area that was highly ethnic and stable; Arsenal became a private, nonprofit organization in 1980 and today operates as a developmental preschool and social service agency; and

WHEREAS, offering a preschool, supervised parenting and play, individual parent/child mentoring, and infant/toddler and parent play groups, Arsenal Family & Children’s Center has been a blessing to the community; many families have benefited from the services provided and Arsenal has remained committed to keeping the needs and development of children at the forefront of its mission; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is thankful for the knowledgeable and caring board, staff, and volunteers at Arsenal Family & Children’s Center that have dedicated their time to building opportunities for parents, families, and children to learn and nurture their relationships with one another; the services provided are unmatched and we are proud that Arsenal calls Allegheny County home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Arsenal Family & Children’s Center on its 60th anniversary with wish the organization 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 22nd day of January, 2014.

Rich Fitzgerald

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