WHEREAS, Forbes Hospice of West Penn Hospital is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year and will commemorate this milestone on May 21, 2014 at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, the Forbes Hospice team of caregivers offers a compassionate, loving approach to meeting the needs of patients and their families; in the very early days of the program, the team cared for an average of five patients each day; today, they care for an average of 125 patients each day and serve 1,600 new patients each year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jean Robinson has been a longtime volunteer with Forbes Hospice; she feels a strong devotion to her community and was a former board member of The Caring Place, an honorary member of the Children’s Hospital Board, a board member of the Buhl Foundation, and a member of the Forbes Hospice Founder’s Society; and

WHEREAS, when Ms. Robinson learned of Forbes Hospice’s mission to bring dignity to the last state of life for terminally ill patients and their families, a chord was struck in her heart and she knew she wanted to be involved; the individuals who receive hospice care and their families have been greatly blessed by Ms. Robinson’s work and her compassionate heart; and

WHEREAS, Forbes Hospice has been a source of hope and comfort to many of our residents over the past 35 years; the staff and volunteers take their time to address all of a family’s medical and emotional needs and provide the proper support that is needed and we are thankful for their presence in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Forbes Hospice on its 35th anniversary and thank Ms. Jean Robinson for her compassion and dedicated service.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 21st day of May, 2014.

Rich Fitzgerald

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