Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Conference of Governor’s Schools (NCoGS) will hold its 2014 annual meeting in Pittsburgh on October 9, 2014 at the University of Pittsburgh Health Career Scholars Academy; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s School movement dates back to 1963 when Governor Terry Sanford of North Carolina established the first special residential summer program for gifted students; Articles of Incorporation for the National Conference of Governor’s Schools were ratified in Little Rock, Arkansas in October 1988, and the association was officially born; and

WHEREAS, the National Conference of Governor’s Schools is devoted exclusively to educational, research, and charitable purposes that promote, aid, and advance education, particularly as related to governor’s schools; and

WHEREAS, while the mission and purpose of the schools vary from state to state, all schools share some common features, including: each school is a summer program for gifted and talented youths of high school ages and has highly selective criteria for student selection, most member schools are supported entirely or in large part by their state legislatures and educational funding, and schools vary in the length of their sessions from one week to six weeks; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is thankful for our local Governor’s School, and we are excited to be the host of this year’s annual meeting; many students from our community, across our Commonwealth, and throughout the United States have participated in this meaningful and challenging program, and we wish all involved continued success in the years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby welcome the National Conference of Governor’s Schools to Allegheny County for its annual meeting and thank all involved for their hard work on behalf of our students.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 9th day of October, 2014.

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