WHEREAS, the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all; this past year, more than 56,000 women and families were helped along life’s way by the organization; and

WHEREAS, for 26 years, the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh has honored the women, men and organizations that work to eliminate racial inequity in everyday life and fight for inclusion throughout greater Pittsburgh communities; in particular, the Racial Justice Awards recipients symbolize leadership and have set a path for others who want to be good stewards; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of individuals serving in government, public health, and law/legal justice who demonstrate a consistent record of equal treatment of all citizens, establishment of precedents for civil or medical rights, and administration, interpretation or enforcement of the law and public policy so as to end bias and discrimination is an integral part of the Annual Racial Justice Awards; and

WHEREAS, this year, Tamara L. Collier has been selected as recipient of a 2017 Racial Justice Award in the Public Health, Service & Safety category; an employee of the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Ms. Collier has assisted in the creation of the Community Police Relations Group in Pittsburgh and Erie, and the Interfaith Community Group; she has long been a champion for prevention through youth outreach and works with, and supports, various communities and affinity groups including LGBTQ+, Muslim, and faith-based, while also being a dedicated proponent of formerly incarcerated individuals; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Ms. Collier, and the other recipients of the 2017 Racial Justice Awards, have made all of the difference in our city, county and region; this recognition of the leaders who work to eliminate racial inequity stand as markers of change for all of us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Tamara L. Collier for being named a 2017 Racial Justice Award recipient, and commend the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh for its efforts to recognize the leaders, sung and unsung, who work collaboratively in our community to improve it on a daily basis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 8th day of November, 2017.

Rich Fitzgerald
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