WHEREAS, County employee Joann Pukansky is retiring on Monday, December 31, 2018 after more than 43 years of dedicated service to the over 1.2 million residents of Allegheny County; and

WHEREAS, Joann started working for the county on September 15, 1975 and was assigned to the computer room in the Treasurer’s Office, where she worked for the next 25 years under the leadership of Treasurers Dr. Edward F. Cooke, Jay Costa Sr., Mary Alice McDonough, and John Weinstein; in that role, she ran more than 400,000 tax bills annually, processed dog licenses, hotel/motel taxes, and direct deposits, as well as assisted with balancing cashiers’ sessions; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Joann became Executive Secretary for county Clerk of Courts George Matta; she retained that position when the Clerk of Courts, Prothonotary, and Register of Wills offices consolidated in 2008 and became the Department of Court Records, and she has worked there since; in addition to her duties in that position, she also has been the office’s Human Resources liaison and payroll clerk; and

WHEREAS, Joann is active away from work, too; she was a member of the Democratic Committee in the Borough of Jefferson Hills for 20 years and also served on the Pennsylvania State Democratic Committee; and

WHEREAS, during retirement, Joann plans to generously give back to her community by devoting her time to volunteering at the St. Thomas A. Becket Church and the South Hills Food Bank, raising money for the Gill Hall Volunteer Fire Department, and helping with GBU Financial Life’s Operation Reach Out campaign which sends packages to U.S. military personnel overseas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby thank Joann Pukansky for her more than 43 years of public service to this county, and wish her health, happiness, and all the best as she begins to enjoy the fruits of retirement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 31st day of December, 2018.

Rich Fitzgerald

RICH FITZGERALD