WHEREAS, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh is hosting the 28th annual Racial Justice Awards on Friday, November 22, 2019 at the Omni William Penn Hotel, where individuals and organizations that have demonstrated their commitment to racial equity through their efforts to build community, conduct research, shift policies, raise awareness and empower people of color and immigrants are being honored; among this year’s honorees is Brandi Fisher, Founder and President of the Alliance for Police Accountability; and

WHEREAS, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all; it envisions a community that advances education, opportunity, and equity regardless of gender, race, or background; the organization’s programs serve more than 60,000 women, children, and families each year; and

WHEREAS, YWCA Greater Pittsburgh selected Brandi Fisher as a recipient of the Bridge Builder Award; the award recognizes an individual or group that advances policies and support for racial and immigrant justice; and

WHEREAS, Brandi Fisher continues to work to improve relations between law enforcement and the community in the service of justice for youth and people of color; Brandi has also worked to convene leaders from the Black and Jewish communities to address disparities in the responses to the Tree of Life synagogue shootings and tragedies in the Black community; and

WHEREAS, we are extremely thankful to all of the awardees for showing a significant commitment to eradicating inequality and creating an even more vibrant and welcoming Allegheny County; their tremendous efforts stand as markers of change and examples for all of us to follow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Brandi Fisher for being named a 2019 Racial Justice Award recipient, and commend YWCA Greater Pittsburgh for recognizing local leaders who work collaboratively to make a profoundly positive difference in the lives of people of color and immigrants.

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 November, 2019.

Rich Fitzgerald

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