WHEREAS, Peter F. Ramage is retiring from elected office in the Borough of Etna after 52 years of service, 50 of them as President of Council; born, raised and a lifelong resident of Etna, Pete has been immersed in the civic and political life of the borough and remains an active member of the community; and

WHEREAS, Pete attended All Saints Grade School, and then Etna High School where he was an all-star basketball player; he graduated in 1956 and joined the Navy where he served for four years as a Communication Technician; after returning home, Pete attended Duquesne University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1965, followed by receipt of his Master’s degree in 1968 and a Principal Administrator’s certificate in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Pete worked in the Pittsburgh Public School system as a math teacher from 1965 until 1988; he became a Vice Principal in 1988 and served in that position until retiring from the district in 1996; not content to retire, he became the principal of All Saints Catholic Grade School, serving in that role from 1998 to 2004 when the school closed with the devastating flood of September 17, 2004 from Hurricane Ivan; he then served as interim principal of Holy Spirit Catholic Grade School in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Pete has been a volunteer with Teen Day COPS, Light the Night, Visual Connections, and has even volunteered to direct Public Works when necessary; in 2000, he was named Oakmont Elks Citizen of the Year for his service as Chair of the Scholarship Committee; he currently serves as President of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Matthews Parish, All Saints Church, and has volunteered for that organization for more than 15 years; and
WHEREAS, peripheral to his service with the borough, Pete has served as a delegate to Three Rivers Wet Weather Basin Group since its inception, was a delegate to the North Hills Council of Governments from 1989-2019 (and Chairman from 1996-1997), served two terms as delegate to the TriCOG Land Bank, and is a founding member of the Etna Economic Development Corporation (EEDC) in 2001 (and President from 2010-2021); and

WHEREAS, quite frankly, his accomplishments during his tenure with EEDC and on Council are too numerous to name; suffice it to say that the Etna that we know today is due in large part to his leadership and support; his guidance to this community and its residents has been invaluable as he has focused on greening the community, encouraged economic development by addressing industrial and brownfield sites in the community, protecting the community from future water events through innovation, ensuring investment in infrastructure and recreational resources, and remaining committed to leaving a better Etna for his family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, Pete’s pure joy is in his family – his wife, who is herself a force of nature, his four adopted daughters, their husbands, and his awesome nine grandchildren, most of which he tutored in math at various stages along their way. They are indeed fortunate to have Pete in their lives, as are the residents of Etna; we are fortunate to have him call Allegheny County home. John Maxwell once said that “Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another.” There is no greater example of that than the life Pete Ramage has led.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim November 27, 2021 as “Peter F. Ramage Day” in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 27th day of November, 2021.

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RICH FITZGERALD