WHEREAS, Archives Month is a collaborative effort by professional organizations and repositories around the nation to highlight the importance of records of enduring value; and

WHEREAS, archivists are professionals who assess, collect, organize, preserve, maintain control of, and provide access to information that has lasting value, and they help people find and understand the information they need in those records; and

WHEREAS, much of Allegheny County's rich and diverse history is contained in the documents and records created by and for its people; many of these priceless documents and photographs are stored at the Heinz History Center, where they are properly cared for and made available to the public; and

WHEREAS, through these archives, future generations can more accurately study the past, learn from the accomplishments of their predecessors, trace their ancestors, understand their community's history, confirm property rights, appreciate Allegheny County's diversity and celebrate the history of our county; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is extremely thankful for the Heinz History Center, its staff, and volunteers for their dedication to the preservation of our history; in celebration of Archives Month, I encourage all residents to take a closer look at our history and celebrate the uniqueness of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as “Archives Month” 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 1st day of October, 2015.

Rich Fitzgerald
County Executive