



COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

≡ PROCLAMATION ≡

WHEREAS, approximately 250,000 people each year die from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), making it a leading cause of death among adults over the age of 40 in the United States and other countries; and

WHEREAS, the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation serves as the central repository of easily accessible current information on SCA, including conditions before, during, and after its occurrence; and

WHEREAS, Kaitlin Forbes was struck by sudden cardiac arrest at the age of 15 and saved by her physical education teacher and coach, Mike Piccione, and others at Rhinebeck High School in New York; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2009, the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation will hold its 2nd Annual Genesis Awards Reception to honor those who saved her life; and

WHEREAS, Mike Piccione will speak at the reception, and Kaitlin Forbes will join via videoconference, and other speakers will include Jamie Dixon, Head Coach, University of Pittsburgh Men's Basketball, and representatives of the Pittsburgh Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the event will take place at Hyde Park on the North Shore and all proceeds will support the mission of the foundation, to raise awareness about sudden cardiac arrest and save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2009, "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Day" in Allegheny County.

FURTHERMORE, I do hereby commend the heroes whose quick and courageous actions saved Kaitlin Forbes' life.

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 October 2009.

Handwritten signature of Dan Onorato in black ink.

DAN ONORATO
Allegheny County Executive