WHEREAS, ATD Pittsburgh, the local chapter of the Association for Talent Development (ATD), is celebrating Employee Learning Week on December 3-7, 2018 in Allegheny County and throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1943, ATD is the world’s largest association dedicated to those who develop talent in organizations; its members and customers include talent development managers, trainers, instructional designers, performance consultants, frontline managers, workplace learning professionals, and more; ATD has 35,000 members from 129 countries, and ATD Pittsburgh has about 60 members; they work in organizations of all sizes and in all sectors; and

WHEREAS, ATD endeavors to “create a world that works better” by providing research, books, webcasts, events, and education programs; it also hosts a variety of conferences several times each year, including an international gathering for talent development practitioners; since 1954, more than 100,000 people have participated in one of its programs, and in 2017 alone, nearly 12,000 people took part in an ATD education program; and

WHEREAS, now in its 15th year, ATD’s Employee Learning Week aims to increase awareness about the value of workplace learning as well as the important link between knowledgeable, highly skilled employees and organizational success; the initiative also offers an opportunity for companies to demonstrate their commitment to talent development; as part of the week’s activities, ATD Pittsburgh is participating in webcasts about establishing on-the-job training and teaching people how to deal with workplace drama; and

WHEREAS, creating an even more highly skilled workforce and further closing the skills gap are critical to this area’s continued success, and we want our residents to get the training they want and need so they can take advantage of all the opportunities this region has to offer; we therefore commend ATD Pittsburgh for elevating and supporting the efforts of everyone who is dedicated to developing the knowledge and skills of others in our workplaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim December 3-7, 2018 as “Employee Learning Week” 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 3rd day of December, 2018.

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