



COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

≡ PROCLAMATION ≡

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are between 500 and 600 homeless children receiving services in Allegheny County on any given day; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Children's Education Fund is a non-profit organization founded in 1999 to supplement federal funding for the educational needs of homeless children in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Children's Education Fund also serves as a community advocate, building support among corporations, foundations, hospitals, schools, religious organizations and government; and

WHEREAS, the Homeless Children's Education Fund operates learning centers to provide education for at-risk children living in temporary housing facilities; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2009, as part of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and in celebration of its 10th Anniversary, the Homeless Children's Education Fund will host the "Summit to Ensure Quality Education of Our Homeless Children and Youth" at the Rivers Club in Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, the event will be facilitated by Grant Oliphant of The Pittsburgh Foundation who will lead the discussion on innovative approaches to combating child homelessness, collaborative strategies and tools, next steps in education, and the findings of a recent study done on the subject in Allegheny County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 20, 2009, "Homeless Children's Education Day" in Allegheny County.

FURTHERMORE, I do hereby commend the Homeless Children's Education Fund for its continued commitment to ensuring all children and youth living in residential facilities receive the necessary materials, guidance and support for their education and extend our sincerest congratulations on its 10th Anniversary.

I HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be hereunto fixed this 16th day of November 2009.



DAN ONORATO
Allegheny County Executive