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Proclamation congratulating the 2019 graduates of the Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is home to more than 200 volunteer fire companies; and

WHEREAS, in Allegheny County, volunteer firefighters protect over 910,000 people and save the taxpayers of the county an estimated \$60 million dollars a year; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities, in 2008, the *Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program (FireVEST)* was established through a partnership between the Allegheny County Fire Academy and the Community College of Allegheny County (through the CCAC-Allegheny County Workforce Alliance); and

WHEREAS, 200 *FireVEST* scholarships, covering tuition, fees and books, are offered each year - 150 for new recruits in exchange for five years of volunteer service and 50 for existing volunteer firefighters in exchange for an additional five years of service in Allegheny County; and

WHEREAS, *FireVEST* scholarship recipients have majored in programs such as Fire Science Administration, Criminal Justice & Criminology, Business Management, Nursing, and more;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Allegheny County Council Members Robert Palmosina, Nick Futules, Bob Macey and All Members of Council, do hereby congratulate the following 2019 *FireVEST* graduates: Tanner Bock- Rennerdale VFD, Station 126; Joseph Figueroa-Rivera -Monroeville VFC #1, Station 192; Alexander Green- Rennerdale VFD, Station 126; Tyler Hilliard-Bauerstown VFD, Station 259; Mark Loya-Hilltop Hose Co #3, Station 168; David Moore-Reserve VFD, Station 317; Jacob Poznik-Aspinwall VFD, Station 102; Sean Ronick

-Broughton VFD, Station 270; Shelby Snyir- Citizens Hose VFC #1, Station 161; Harrison Tinney-Bower Hill VFD, Station 225; Daniel Vaughn - Point Breeze VFC #4, Station 224; and Kaitlyn Wichelmann- West Mifflin VFC #3, Station 295. We commend you for your dedication, service and sacrifice, in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 22nd day of October 2019.