



# Allegheny County Council

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Proclamation congratulating ***Chief Information Officer of the Division of Computer Service, Joe Gavlik*** upon the occasion of receiving the Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award.

***WHEREAS, Chief Information Officer Joe Gavlik of the Division of Computer Services*** was selected as the 2019 recipient of the Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award; and

***WHEREAS***, during the summer of 1969, ***Joe*** worked for the county as a temporary laborer and became a full-time employee on November 16, 1970 as a messenger with the county's Bureau of Systems and Computer Services. Today, ***Joe*** is the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the county, serving as Division Manager of Computer Services; and

***WHEREAS, Joe*** began working for the county before the county had purchased its first computer. However, whenever the county did, he became a computer operator. He was extremely self-motivated and read all the manuals to learn how to automate many of his tasks and was eventually promoted to shift supervisor; and

***WHEREAS***, after numerous promotions with increasing responsibility, ***Joe*** was eventually named CIO for the Division of Computer Services in 2013; and

***WHEREAS, Joe's*** impressive history with the county and knowledge of computer information technology truly makes him an invaluable source of information for the county. Over the years, Joe was influential in ensuring that servers in the county were consolidated so that systems "talked" to each other which also saved money, increased services, and made employees more efficient; he was also involved in the installation of high speed fiber optic networks, guided the upgrades and preparation before Y2K, and has overseen the creation of a new data center; and

***WHEREAS***, after graduating from Duquesne High School, ***Joe*** studied computer programming, operations and accounting at the School of Computer Technology. This led him on

the path to eventually become CIO for the Division of Computer Services; and

**WHEREAS**, *Joe's* time with the county was only interrupted by a six-month leave in 1971 when he was on active duty with the U.S. Marines; and

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is grateful for the service and dedication of **Chief Information Officer Joe Gavlik** and his determination to provide superior computer service to the county;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Council Member Bob Macey and All Members of Council, do hereby recognize and congratulate **Chief Information Officer Joe Gavlik of the Division of Computer Services** upon the occasion of receiving the Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award, and on behalf of Allegheny County Council, I commend him for all that he has done for the county, each and every day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2019.