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Proclamation recognizing and thanking ***Dr. Richard Fondrk*** for his 38 years devoted to large animal veterinary medicine.

WHEREAS, "the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." That quote my Mahatma Gandhi depicts the true essence of ***Dr. Richard Fondrk's*** character and his years devoted to veterinary medicine; and

WHEREAS, for 38 years, ***Dr. Fondrk*** practiced veterinary medicine out of the back of his pickup truck while he traveled from farm to farm meeting the medical needs of large animals in Allegheny County and surrounding areas. As a large on call vet, ***Dr. Fondrk*** often worked seven days a week, especially from March to mid-July, the usual birthing season; and

WHEREAS, ***Dr. Fondrk*** has an extensive and impressive history of practicing veterinary medicine. He keeps an office in a storage shed at the West Newton Animal Clinic, where he was mentored by two doctors who left him all the work he wanted. For 30 years, he was the head veterinarian at Round Hill Park, an Allegheny County park that is also a working farm. Also, he was the on-call veterinarian for Critter Country Animal Farm in Smithton, which keeps a variety of wild animals; and

WHEREAS, his hard work and dedication as a veterinarian has made an impact on both the animals he cared to and the humans that owned them. And after 38 plus years of dedicated service, ***Dr. Richard Fondrk*** has officially retired as practicing veterinarian in Allegheny County and surrounding communities, and he will spend his retirement with his wife in Jeannette, PA;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Allegheny County Council Members Anita Prizio and Bob Macey, do hereby recognize and thank ***Dr. Richard Fondrk*** for his 38 years devoted to large animal veterinary medicine in Allegheny County and surrounding communities, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 23rd day of October 2018.