



# Allegheny County Council

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## Legislation Text

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Proclamation recognizing Sheriff William P. Mullen for his 50 years of dedicated service to law enforcement.

**WHEREAS**, to say that law enforcement runs through *Sheriff William P. Mullen's* veins is an understatement. Growing up in Carrick in a family of four, *Sheriff Mullen* followed in the footsteps of his late father. His father, also William Mullen, was named Pittsburgh "Detective of the Year" in 1968 and chosen nationally to attend the New York premiere of the Frank Sinatra movie "The Detective." At a young age, *Sheriff Mullen* looked up to his father and was interested in his father's profession; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1964, *Sheriff Mullen* attended the University of Dayton and majored in political science. While in his senior year, still uncertain about a career path, *Sheriff Mullen* decided to take the test for Pittsburgh police. Two months after graduation in December 1968, he entered the Pittsburgh police academy; and

**WHEREAS**, for 37 years, *Sheriff Mullen* served with the City of Pittsburgh where he worked with a variety of divisions, including: Narcotics Detective, Homicide Lieutenant, Commander, Assistant Chief of Operations, Assistant Chief of Investigations and Deputy Chief. *Sheriff Mullen* and former Allegheny County Police Superintendent Charles Moffatt are the only Pittsburgh officers ever to have worn seven different badges - patrolman, third- and first-grade detective, lieutenant, commander, assistant chief and deputy chief; and

**WHEREAS**, over *Sheriff Mullen's* extensive and impressive law enforcement career with the City of Pittsburgh, he was involved in many of Pittsburgh's most infamous cases; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1984, *Sheriff Mullen* put in for retirement with Pittsburgh police; however, he didn't stick to that plan. After retiring from the city as deputy chief, he excepted the position of Allegheny County chief deputy sheriff offered to him by Sheriff Pete DeFazio; and

**WHEREAS**, shortly after becoming chief deputy sheriff, there was an opportunity to run for Allegheny County Sheriff and *Sheriff Mullen* took it. In October 2006, he was elected to office and has since been re-elected in 2009, 2013 and 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, while in office, Sheriff Mullen has be lauded for establishing the Mortgage Conciliation Program, implementing the Courthouse Emergency Response Team, and Project D.U.M.P.. Under him, Sheriff Mullen has an office of 169 sworn officers and 34 civilians that he enforces standards of professionalism and reduces overtime;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, Allegheny County Council Member Sam

DeMarco and Robert Palmosina, and All Members of Council, do hereby recognize Sheriff William P. Mullen for his 50 years of dedicated service to law enforcement, and we thank him for unwavering commitment to protecting the citizens of Allegheny County.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.