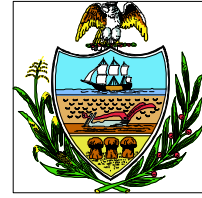


# Allegheny County Council



## Proclamation



WHEREAS, the global apparel industry is rife with abuse of human and worker rights, which are compromised by brands and labels in order to make a profit; and

WHEREAS, Carnegie Mellon University, Carlow University and Duquesne University have become leaders in the struggle against sweatshops by protecting the rights of workers who sew collegiate apparel; and

WHEREAS, these universities have committed to protecting the rights of their workers by reviewing the conditions in which they operate, responding to workers' testimonies and calling the public's attention to the problems; and

WHEREAS, we commend the universities for their efforts to quell human rights abuse and for joining the Workers Rights Consortium – an independent, non-profit monitor of workplace conditions that allows the universities to assure social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, because of their efforts, these institutions lead in the struggle against sweatshop abuse and promote the value and importance of human rights;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Allegheny County Council, on behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, recognizes Carnegie Mellon University, Carlow University and Duquesne University for working tirelessly to end the abuse of workers who create their collegiate apparel. Their efforts lead in the struggle to establish social responsibility in clothing factories and help expose this important issue to the world.

Sponsored by Allegheny  
County Council Member  
Chuck Martoni this 16th  
day of June 2009.

Attest:

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President of Council  
Rich Fitzgerald

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June 16, 2009 Allegheny County Council – **The administrations of Carlow, Carnegie Mellon, and Duquesne Universities received a Proclamation (4935-09) from Allegheny County Council recognizing their membership in the Workers Rights Consortium and leadership in the struggle against sweatshops.** (back row/left to right) Councilman Charles Martoni, Barney Oursler -Mon Valley Unemployed Committee, Celeste Taylor -Vice Chair of the Black Political Empowerment Project, Mary Frances Reidell -Carlow University Health Services, Joel Woller -Carlow University History Department, Francesca Lies -Carlow University co-founder of Students for Peace and Justice, Jay Marano -Carnegie Mellon University Trademark and Licensing Office, Fran Tarkett -Duquesne University Office of Mission and Identity, Councilman William Robinson, Tim Stevens -B-PEP Chairman, Jacquea Mae-Community College of Allegheny County, Jeff Parker -Three Rivers Community Foundation Grant Making Committee, Elana Szymkowiak and Nicole McCandless -Carlow University also co founders of Students for Peace and Justice, Kenneth Miller –Pittsburgh Anti Sweatshop Community Alliance. In Attendance and not shown – Freda Ellis-CCAC, Anne Lynch-TRCF, Jason Kobeda –Project Assistant at the Sports and Exhibition Authority.

A Resolution (4929-09) telling the County Administration to draft a revised anti sweatshop ordinance that includes factory and wage disclosure, full membership in the SweatFree Procurement Consortium, and a 1% fee on all apparel contracts that will be pooled to direct the resources of an Independent Monitor is now in the Committee on Government Reform.