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Title: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby lauds the Hazelwood Initiative on its 10th Anniversary and does hereby declare Saturday, October 10, 2009, to be "HAZELWOOD INITIATIVE DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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WHEREAS, in 1990's, two local organizations, **The Hazelwood Neighborhood Maintenance Task Force**, which addressed ongoing quality of life issues such as abandoned housing, maintenance of public infrastructure, and crime, and **The Economic Leveraging Partnership**, which garnered financial resources for community development, began working in coalition for a new community vision for redevelopment of Hazelwood; and, **WHEREAS**

, their successful work lead to vast cross membership in both organizations and the formation of the **Hazelwood Initiative** in 1999; and,

WHEREAS, broadening its strategic role, the **Hazelwood Initiative** has facilitated and implemented a community-focused vision planning process for Hazelwood that has led to the organization becoming one of the **most lauded and effective community based organizations** in the City of Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, the **Hazelwood Initiative** has facilitated important programs to improve Hazelwood including the organization of **six block clubs**; working with PA Cleanways to **cleanup three illegal dumpsites**- Chatsworth Street, Paw Paw Way, and the Greenway; installed **three public art pieces** and facilitated placement of **two Sprout Fund Murals** in strategic locations along Second Avenue beautifying the area; and helping **HI HOPE** (Health Outreach Promoting Empowerment) achieve success that resulted in being **awarded State Health Improvement Partner status (SHIP)**; and,

WHEREAS, the **Hazelwood Initiative** has made a tremendous impact for community members in quality of life while inviting people from throughout the city to get to know this wonderful community through conducting **seven Oktoberfest 5K runs** that introduced 100s of new folks to Hazelwood; **23 summer concerts**, first at the Hazelwood Carnegie Library and currently at the Sitting Garden, attended by well **over 1,000 people** ; providing a **Safe Halloween** event for the past nine years for the children of Greater Hazelwood, giving out an average of **400 bags of safe treats to children under 10 years old**; and producing **75 issues of a monthly newspaper** that is delivered free of charge to **over 3,300 households in Greater Hazelwood and Hays**; and,

WHEREAS, under the leadership of long-time **Executive Director Jim Riether**, the **Hazelwood Initiative** continues to create a community driven future for Hazelwood and form new partnerships including working with **Pittsburgh Housing Development Corporation** on six new houses; restoration of the **historic 18th Century**

Woods House with Pittsburgh History and Landmarks and the **Urban Redevelopment Authority**; identifying a new use and tenant for the abandoned historic **Carnegie Library** building; and helping to foster continued **Keystone Opportunity Zone** development;
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