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**Title:** NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare November 4, 2017 to be “Softer Side Seminars Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

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**WHEREAS**, Softer Side Seminars, an empowerment and self-esteem building program to help women and girls develop and sustain a healthy sense of self, will be celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Woman to Woman Empowerment Symposium; and,

**WHEREAS**, Renee P. Aldrich has been hosting seminars, workshops and programs around the topic of self-esteem since Softer Side’s inception, with the annual “Woman to Woman Empowerment Symposium” being held every year for the past 10 years; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Aldrich has developed a curriculum around the topic of female empowerment and self-esteem to be used by women’s groups, women’s shelters, and anywhere women gather; and,

**WHEREAS**, the inaugural symposium was attended by 25 participants, and has grown over the years to include up to 90 participants, leaving attendees feeling uplifted, encouraged, strengthened and informed for their journey; and,

**WHEREAS**, the event celebrating 10 years of the “Woman to Woman Empowerment Symposium”, to be held on Saturday, November 4th, at the LeMont Restaurant on top of Mt. Washington, will recognize 4 women for their professional accomplishments, serve as a fundraiser for a local women’s shelter, and serve as a book launch for Softer Side’s founder and Director, Renee P. Aldrich; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare November 4, 2017 to be “*Softer Side Seminars Day*” in the City of Pittsburgh.