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**Title:** WHEREAS, within the City of Pittsburgh, public safety and the protection of our children and families is paramount, and;

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*WHEREAS*, within the City of Pittsburgh, public safety and the protection of our children and families is paramount, and;

*WHEREAS*, crossing guards stand faithfully at their posts along busy intersections in every kind of weather, dealing with distracted and speeding motorists to complete their duty of providing a safe environment for children crossing the street, and;

*WHEREAS*, crossing guards are therefore trained professionals who provide an essential service to our community and deserve special recognition for their tireless efforts and;

*WHEREAS*, each day, our crossing guards ensure that thousands of children arrive and depart school safely; and provide children a familiar face every morning, keeping an eye on their wellbeing, and alerting authorities to dangerous drivers and;

*WHEREAS*, school crossing guards help reinforce in the minds of the people they assist, the importance of traffic-hazard identification and safe street crossing behavior and;

*WHEREAS*, the City of Pittsburgh is committed to recognizing the hard work and dedication of these individuals who perform this vital service protecting pedestrians across the city and;

*WHEREAS*, Cathy Gamble, a resident of the City of Pittsburgh, has served her neighbors while dancing, singing, blowing kisses, waving, and bringing immeasurable joy and;

*WHEREAS*, a lifelong resident of the Lawrenceville neighborhood, working at Neid’s as a teenager, Cathy is a true pillar of the community, and;

*WHEREAS*, Cathy is known for teaching kids, and adults, songs like "the Friday song" and the safety song and

leading singalongs: "cross on green if you know what I mean, cross on red and you'll be dead", and;

**WHEREAS**, Cathy has been a shoulder to cry on for many when going through a hard time, even bringing people flowers, and;

**WHEREAS**, Butler Street and Lawrenceville have become heavily trafficked communities, Cathy ensures the safety of school children, adults, cyclists, and motorists while doing her best to brighten their day, and;

**WHEREAS**, Cathy was recognized in the Trib, KDKA'S Kidsburgh, and ImaginePgh for her unique approach to her profession as a crossing guard, and;

**WHEREAS**, Cathy has volunteered on the Lawrenceville United AdvantAGE Steering Committee, helping to plan events and programs to care for older adults in Lawrenceville, and;

**WHEREAS**, Cathy has provided care to multiple generations of people in her own family, while also caring for generations of people outside of her family as a crossing guard, and;

**WHEREAS**, Cathy Gamble has served the community as a crossing guard for 20 years, ensuring a safe and exciting journey throughout Lawrenceville and various neighborhoods across the city, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes Cathy Gamble for her astounding service to our youngest, most vulnerable pedestrians, and children walking between home and school; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh proclaims Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as "Cathy Gamble Day"