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Title: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor historic citizen and commends all of the 2017 sponsors and participants in the annual German Heritage Recognition Luncheon ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, August 26, 2017 to be "German Day" in the City of Pittsburgh. *Glück Auf!*

Sponsors: Darlene M. Harris, All Members

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WHEREAS, those of German descent began emigrating to Pennsylvania in 1683, and many settled in what is now known as Deutschtown, in Pittsburgh's Northside, where the influence of German culture is still visible today; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of these immigrants and their offspring, the **Alliance of Germanic Societies of Pittsburgh** (German, Austrian and Swiss) will host their annual **German Heritage Recognition Luncheon** in Historic Teutonia Männerchor on Saturday, August 26th, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the luncheon will include dignitaries from various German, Austrian and Swiss organizations, German Folk Dance groups, and singing societies. In addition, two individuals will be honored for their significant impact on the Pittsburgh area; and,

WHEREAS, honoree **Dorothea Marx Suchma (1929 - 2014)** was a founding and life-long member of GTEV D'Lustigen Isartaler, a singer in the Damnerchor and various church choirs including at Holy Spirit, St. Philip, and at Sacred Heart parishes. With many of those choirs, she volunteered as the choir librarian, maintaining the music collections immaculately. **Dorothea** was known for a kind and generous heart, and was committed to her Germanic heritage her whole life. **Dorothea** was always eager to share her wonderful Alpine heritage, and in 2010, she was named "Ehrentrachtenmutter," a high honor amongst Trachtenvereine. **Dorothea** assumed the Isartaler's motto- Treu dem guten alten Brauch - as her own throughout her life, staying "true to the good old traditions."   She is remembered by our Pittsburgh community as that "little German lady who was always smiling;" and,

WHEREAS, honoree **Edgar Braun** was trained as an engineer in Vienna, Austria and became a project

engineer with the Andritz Group of Graz, Austria in 1961. In 1979 **Edgar** relocated to Pittsburgh to start a new business unit for Andritz, followed by a promotion in 1988 to Corporate Vice President of Andritz U.S.A. During his career, **Edgar** was among the Andritz management who brought progress to steel production in the US, particularly for annealing, pickling, and electroplating. **Edgar** also served as **Austrian Honorary Consul** from 1997 to 2016. During that time, he was tasked with protecting trade, economic, cultural, scientific, and tourist relations between the USA and the Republic of Austria. In 1992 the Austrian Government awarded Edgar the **Gold Medal for Meritorious Service-- Officer's Cross** and in 2017 the Austrian government awarded Edgar the **Great Medal for Meritorious Service-- Knight's Cross. Edgar's** involvement in the Austrian Room Committee at the University of Pittsburgh helped nurture one of the "jewels" in the world renowned collection of rooms; and,

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