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**WHEREAS**, Pittsburgh Lesbian Correspondents focuses not only on local issues facing the Pittsburgh Region, but also statewide and national. The blog specifically works to educate everyone in the commonwealth that there are no statewide LGBTQ protections and only 33% of Pennsylvanians are protected by their municipality; and,

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to diversify the scope of the many LGBTQ people in the Pittsburgh region, Pittsburgh Lesbian Correspondents created the #AMPLIFY LGBTQ archive to elevate the broad swath of narratives and voices within the LGBTQ community; and,

**WHEREAS**, in response to mainstream media’s insistence on covering the gory details of the numerous acts of fatal transphobic violence, Pittsburgh Lesbian Correspondents started and continues to write an “In Memoriam” section to celebrate the lives lived of our trans, nonbinary and gender nonconforming neighbors. With 42 memories penned thus far in 2020, this section both serves as a moment of dignity that might otherwise be missed in the mainstream media and a reminder of the work that still needs to be accomplished to stop these unthinkable acts of hatred; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sue Kerr was assisted by many people in the expansion and the rise to prominence of Pittsburgh Lesbian Correspondents, however special attention needs to go to her partner Laura Dunhoff, local political bloggers: Maria Lupinacci, David DeAngelo. and Bram Reichbaum, artist and advocate Nina Gibbs Sauer, and

contributing blogger Trish Mifflin. Additionally, recognition must go to the web team of Anna, Delta, and Gretchen who keep the website together with gum, spit, and magic. Thanks are also due to all the many contributors that helped build the blog; and most especially to everyone who trusts the blog team with their LGBTQIA+ stories; and,

**WHEREAS**, While Pittsburgh Lesbians Correspondents was not the first LGBTQ blog in existence in the Pittsburgh region, after 15 years of hard work, it remains the longest running; and,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That Council of the City of Pittsburgh celebrates Pittsburgh Lesbian Correspondents' fifteenth anniversary and embraces Pittsburgh Lesbian Correspondents in our most welcoming city.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, December 29th, 2020, to be "**Pittsburgh Lesbian Correspondents Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.