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WHEREAS, New Voices Pittsburgh engages women of color with the international movement for Reproductive Justice by mobilizing them for systemic change through political action, public policy implementation, and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, New Voices Pittsburgh envisions the complete physical, emotional, spiritual, political, economic, environmental, and social well-being of women and girls and seeks to highlight the voices of women of color in the ongoing discourse on human rights, social justice, and reproductive oppression; and

WHEREAS, New Voices Pittsburgh will celebrate four years of serving women of color in Pittsburgh through activism, education, civic engagement, the provision of health resources, and the establishment of community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Chatham University prepares all of its students, both those on its campus and around the world, to excel in their professions and to be engaged, environmentally responsible, globally conscious, life-long learners and leaders; and

WHEREAS, New Voices Pittsburgh and Chatham University, the University's Diversity Coalition, and its Office of Student Activities have collaborated in a city-wide partnership to celebrate the powerful legacy of women of color and to highlight their invaluable contributions to this region, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, this collaboration has created various opportunities for women of color that have enabled them to educate, elevate, and empower themselves by breaking the ground for understanding amongst diverse communities and their allies; and

WHEREAS, the lives and stories of women of color have gone untold far too often and from this point forward, shall never go unheard again.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby wish to commend New Voices Pittsburgh and Chatham University for all of their efforts undertaken on behalf of women and in particular, women of color, while additionally declaring that February 15 - March 15 be named Women of Color HERstory Month in the City of Pittsburgh.