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WHEREAS, Gay Volleyball has had a long history in the City of Pittsburgh and Steel City Volleyball recently hosted their fourth annual Steel City Classic Tournament; and

WHEREAS, during the summer, in the late 1970's and into the 1980's, gays and lesbians would gather on Prospect Drive, in Schenley Park, string a net between two trees and play volleyball; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, a group of approximately 35 people rented gym space at Chatham College and called itself the Pittsburgh Indoor Gay Volleyball; and

WHEREAS, the league played at the Carnegie Boys and Girls Club from 1992 - 1994; grew to more than 55 members; established a Board and changed their name to Steel City Volleyball League; and

WHEREAS, between 1995 and 2006, the League expanded to 75 members and played at the Market House, on the City's South Side and the Downtown YMCA and sponsored its first regional gay volleyball tournament, sanctioned by the North American Gay Volleyball Association; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the League moved to the Greentree Sportsplex, where they still play, the group has grown to more than 130 members, now has a Board of fifteen members, does charitable work to benefit Persad, GLSEN and the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force; and

WHEREAS, during the Fourth Annual Steel City Classic Tournament, the League also held "Gay Sport Meets Gay Art" in collaboration with the Pittsburgh Lesbian and Gay Film Society where they premiered a short documentary called More Than Volleyball.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, hereby, commend league members, Producer - Becky Brown; Director and Producer - Keilan Rickard; and Editor - Shawn Bronson for their outstanding efforts to bring this documentary to the larger community. Council also recognizes the Multicultural Arts Initiative and its director, Robert Reed; League Treasurer, Wendy James, and members Ben de Jesus, Steve Mrdjenovich and Ken Riling along with President, David Binder, for their efforts to present a festive celebration of the release of this film.