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WHEREAS, Fourteen years ago Effie Williams, a longtime resident of the Hill District, began collecting clothing and household goods **that** she found on the side of the road **and throughout her neighborhood** so that they wouldn't go to waste. In the spirit of giving, Mrs. Williams saw a problem and sought a solution to ensure that the needs of her community were met; and,

WHEREAS, Effie Williams opened her shop called the No Strings Shop in **the Hill District's** Bedford Dwellings **community** with the support of the Pittsburgh Housing Authority and the Bedford Dwellings Tenant Council. Everything in the shop is **of no cost** free to maintain the "no strings attached" spirit., and Mrs. Williams and the volunteers at her shop **have grown to** serve **over**almost 100 **Hill District residents** individuals every week; and,

WHEREAS, **Everyone**All **that**who knows Effie Williams speaks of her heartfelt kindness and compassion toward those around her. Mrs. Williams thinks of how she can give to others and is dedicated to making sure that useable items are given to those who need them rather than going to waste; and,

WHEREAS, At **the age of** 71, Effie Williams has a lifetime of experiences behind her, yet she loves her '**No Strings Sshop**' and works long hours for no pay in order to continue this **invaluable** contribution to her community. The '**No Strings Shop**' is a staple of the Hill District, and the generosity of Mrs. Williams and her supportive volunteers **continue to** has helped not just one person but **an entire**a whole community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Effie Williams for the work she does on behalf of the Hill District and the **City of Pittsburgh** community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February **21**14, 2012 to be "**Effie Williams Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.