



# City of Pittsburgh

510 City-County Building  
414 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

## Text File

**Introduced:** 5/28/2013

**Bill No:** 2013-1569, **Version:** 1

**Committee:** City Council

**Status:** Adopted

**WHEREAS**, since 1980, **Family Hospice & Palliative Care (Family Hospice)**, a non-profit organization serving the residents of the City of Pittsburgh & Allegheny County, provides hospice care to more patients in the region than any other hospice, and is the leading hospice provider in Western Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, **Family Hospice** is committed to quality patient care, caregiver support and education by collaborating with the area's largest staff of Board-certified palliative care physicians; and

**WHEREAS**, **Family Hospice** currently serves approximately 3800 patients a year residing within the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania, through innovative programming such as massage and pet therapy, reiki (*hands on healing*), expressive art and music and the Quality of Life Program; and

**WHEREAS**, national research shows that, historically, the most underserved populations in end-of-life care are African-Americans, and in response, **Transitions** was formed to help African-American families through attention to cultural sensitivity, to enroll seriously ill loved ones in services that will alleviate suffering, and provide caregivers at home with the support they need; and

**WHEREAS**, **Transitions** was developed as a collaborative partnership among **Family Hospice, Bidwell United Presbyterian Church and The Northside Christian Health Center**, to increase the understanding of and access to hospice services for African-American families residing throughout Pittsburgh's Northside neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, June 1, 2013, community members will gather at Anderson Manor in Manchester, for **Transitions' Open House & Community Resource Fair**, to launch this new program;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the important work and contributions that **Family Hospice & Transitions** provide on a daily basis, and does hereby declare June 1, 2013 to be "**Transitions Open House Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.