



City of Pittsburgh

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WHEREAS, Kristine Kirk established Mentors Consulting & Training, a certified Women Owned Business in 1994 which has since designed and implemented successful workforce learning plans for large institutions; and,

WHEREAS, with the emergence and expected job growth of the Energy Industry in the Pittsburgh region, Kristine along with Reginald Good from Pittsburgh's Northside, launched Mentors Community Wealth Building Initiative (MCWBI), a community based program design intended to connect the dots between the residents of Pittsburgh's underserved neighborhoods and career opportunities in emerging industries including the Oil & Gas field; and,

WHEREAS, in its first year of operation with less than expected funding and a downturn in industry hiring, MCWBI was still able to exceed its pilot goal of engaging 44 young African American men; and,

WHEREAS, to date, MCWBI has engaged a total of 44 men in its first 4 pilot groups, the program boasts a 90% career placement rate in careers that provide healthy, strong personal incomes between \$50,000 to \$80,000 representing middle-class wages that flow back into the community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 18, 2013 to be “*Mentors Community Wealth Building Initiative Day*” in the City of Pittsburgh.