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WHEREAS, Forbes Hospice is the oldest non-profit hospice and palliative care program in the Pittsburgh region, providing comfort to countless patients and their families during one of life's most difficult stages; and

WHEREAS, Forbes Hospice relies on support from the greater Pittsburgh community, including the work of a number of community members who donate their time to volunteer at the hospice, helping to care for patients, working with families, and helping in countless other ways; and

WHEREAS, one of the most dedicated of these volunteers, **Alyce Johnston** of Oakland, is, at 93 years old, one of Forbes Hospice's most valued, kind, and loved fixtures, voluntarily devoting her time to the Hospice, its patients, and their families; and

WHEREAS, **Alyce** has volunteered at Forbes Hospice since 2006, having retired from a long career with ALCOA, where she worked as an Executive Assistant; and

WHEREAS, **Alyce Johnston's** work at the Hospice includes meeting and greeting patients, families, and guests of the Hospice, tending to their needs, and comforting them with her famously caring and warm demeanor; and

WHEREAS, **Alyce** personally arranges the daily flower displays, while also delivering the displays to patients, always taking the time to learn about each patient and their family in the process; and

WHEREAS, common words used by patients, families, and hospice staff to describe **Alyce** include: "warm, generous, elegant, caring, considerate and helpful," descriptors that only begin to scratch the surface of **Alyce's** devotion to the care of others; and

WHEREAS, in **Alyce's** words, "Our time here is not only the kindness and needs we share, it is also those wonderful men and women with whom we share our time with as a beautiful reflection of each other;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize **Alyce Johnston's** strength of character, selfless devotion and service to others, and thanks her for her warmth of spirit and demonstrable compassion, and, further, does hereby wish **Alyce** a very happy 93rd birthday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, November 2nd, 2013 "**Alyce Johnston Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.