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WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh is honored to recognize playwright and actor **Tami Dixon** for her active role in the Pittsburgh theatre community, most recently for her vibrant performance in her debut play, *South Side Stories*, originally produced last November at **City Theatre** and now enjoying an encore production there this month; and,

WHEREAS, **Tami Dixon's South Side Stories** is a City Theatre-commissioned, one-woman show that explores the past and current state of Pittsburgh's South Side neighborhood through vignettes featuring 26 different characters, all played by Tami; and,

WHEREAS, many of these vignettes are based on transcribed interviews that Tami conducted with over 100 South Side residents, bringing the residents' stories to life on stage and depicting the dynamic nature of Pittsburgh's South Side—a neighborhood with a rich cultural history; and,

WHEREAS, to prepare for this unique, new play, Tami attended a variety of neighborhood community events, made pierogies at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, and created a mobile “story cart” complete with two chairs and a sign that read, “Tell me a story about the South Side,” inviting residents and passers-by to stop and tell their South Side story; and,

WHEREAS, Tami is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, a recipient of a TCG/Fox Foundation Resident Actor Fellowship, was named the “Performer of the Year” by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* in 2012, and, most recently, received the 2013 Carol R. Brown Creative Achievement Emerging Artist Award from The Pittsburgh Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, Tami resides in the South Side Slopes with her husband, Jeffrey Carpenter, with whom she runs Bricolage Production Company, a company located in downtown Pittsburgh that is dedicated to adventurous theatrical experiences that foster connections and alter perceptions; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize **Tami Dixon and her play *South Side Stories*** for their powerful and vivid portrayal of an ever-changing historic neighborhood; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, January 21, 2014, to be “**Tami Dixon's South Side Stories Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.