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WHEREAS, Aja Brown grew up in Altadena, California with her fraternal twin brother and raised by her mother, Brenda Jackson, as a single parent. She attended the University of Southern California and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Public Policy and Urban Planning. In the next year, she received her Master's degree in Urban Planning with a concentration in economic development; and,

WHEREAS, In 2006, Mayor Brown began working for the City of Inglewood as an urban planner; In 2009 she began working for the City of Compton's Redevelopment Agency as a Redevelopment Project Manager where she created and implemented Compton's Apprentice Program designed to create jobs for local residents on city-funded or assisted capital improvements projects; and,

WHEREAS, In 2013, she ran for Mayor of Compton, beating out a pool of 13 candidates which included the former mayor and won by receiving 65.3% of the citizen's vote. She was sworn into office on July 2, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Brown's "Vision for Compton" is organized around 12 key points that focus on family, quality of life and economic development; Brown is a strategic visionary focused on progress and has built a legacy of developing and implementing public policies to facilitate guided growth and protect community assets; and,

WHEREAS, Since her induction, Mayor Brown has made major strides towards improving the quality of life for Compton residents and stakeholders alike; Mayor Brown has launched several community initiatives including the "Compton Community Policing Task Force" the "Mayor's Monthly Clean-up," "Coffee with the Mayor" and "We Run Compton," which focus on promoting public safety, beautification, transparency and health; Mayor Brown has also introduced a First Source Hiring Agreement that will improve the City's employment rate and provide incentives for development; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor Mayor Brown for her many achievements and concentrated efforts in revitalizing the City of Compton ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, May 1, 2014, to be "**Mayor Aja Brown Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.