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WHEREAS, Alan Fu, Siri Ramos, and Jayon Wang came to Carnegie Mellon from three corners of the U.S. to study engineering; and,

WHEREAS, for four years on campus, Jayon volunteered as Sexual Assault Advisors, and all three students observed safety concerns and sexual assault cases throughout the student body and even in lives of close friends; and,

WHEREAS, partnering closely with Pittsburgh Action Against Rape and Carnegie Mellon's Environmental Health and Safety group, the three engineering students founded LifeShel, a startup company that graduated from the first annual Alpha Lab Gear class and is now on its way to launching its first product for public service; and,

WHEREAS, LifeShel smartphone cases use technology to crowd-source community safety and stop sexual assault before it even happens. In alliance with the White House Task Force to Protect Students From Sexual Assault, Lifeshel's mission is simple: "No student, soldier, or citizen should be alone in this battle against sexual assault," and,

WHEREAS, Lifeshel is the first company in the world that provides sexual violence protection services at the touch of a finger; and,

WHEREAS, LifeShel is committed to keeping a manufacturing and company presence in the Pittsburgh area, as the local community has been integral in their successes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Lifeshel for their work to prevent sexual violence for residents not just in the City of Pittsburgh, but across the world; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim July 8, 2014, as "Lifeshel Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.