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WHEREAS, Pastor James Hunt and Dr. Sheila Johnson Hunt are trailblazers, holding the distinction of being the first clergy couple in an African American Baptist church; where the pastor's wife was an ordained Baptist clergy and an executive pastor. Rev James Hunt and Dr. Sheila Johnson Hunt were licensed and ordained by Ebenezer Baptist Church (Pittsburgh) under the leadership of Rev. Dr. J. Van Alfred Winsett.; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. James Hunt received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his graduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and is a doctoral candidate at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is a former college administrator at the Community College of Allegheny County. He has served as a campus minister and Director of Cross-Cultural Ministries at the Coalition for Christian Outreach. He has spent his time serving on many boards including the Afro-American Music Institute, Family Guidance, Center for Urban Biblical and the National Human Services board ; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. James Hunt is the founder and board president of the Western Penn Hills Community Action Inc. (WPHCA) WPHCA has prepared over 600 teens through its job readiness program to enter the workforce. It has assisted teens through its entrepreneur program to become business owners. In addition the WPHCA's technology programs have assisted in removing the digital divide within underserved communities; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sheila Johnson Hunt received her graduate and undergraduate degree from Western Kentucky University and went on to receive her PhD from the University of Pittsburgh and Dmin from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She has over 25 years of experience as a college professor/administrator. During her tenure as leader of New Choices/New Options Program at the Community College of Allegheny County, she assisted over 1,500 women in crises to become emotionally and economically self-sufficient. The Rites of Passage Curriculum she developed has been recognized as one of the most effective programs in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Sheila Johnson Hunt has served as a conductor, and composer/arranger in residence for numerous citywide and national convention choirs. Her current and 7th recording "Move with God," is receiving national and international airplay. Her original composition "Jesus The Problem Solver" was included in the GMWA 2013 songbook and also recorded by the International GMWA Mass Choir ; and, **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor Rev. James and Dr. Sheila Johnson Hunt on 25 years of ministry ; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, November 16, 2014, to be "**Rev. James and Sheila Johnson Hunt Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.