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**WHEREAS**, Founded by the Honorable Ralph P. Watson, *CLASSIC EVENTS!* Public Relations and Marketing Group brings both awareness and exposure to the business interests of entrepreneurs while connecting them with civic leaders, decision makers and politicians; and,

**WHEREAS**, *CLASSIC EVENTS!* Supports the infusion of small business development within our region as an essential component to the overall success of Pittsburgh and the outlying communities as small business has proven to provide stimulus to the local economy; and,

**WHEREAS**, *CLASSIC EVENTS!* Public Relations and Marketing Group hosts a variety of market-specific, community-based events such as: ***“YOUTHPRENEUR”***, ***“LADIES who NETWORK”***, ***the BUSINESS/POLITICAL NETWORKING MIXER, TASTE o’ da BURGH and THE SALUTE TO LEGAL EXCELLENCE*** Dinner; and,

**WHEREAS**, *CLASSIC EVENTS!* was created to empower entrepreneurs with essential components for the success of their business, organization or service. Furthermore, giving entrepreneurs a direct marketing platform to gain access and exposure to new business opportunities; and,

**WHEREAS**, *CLASSIC EVENTS!* will celebrate its **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Celebration Dinner** with the theme, **“SALUTE TO THE BLACK CHURCH”**. They will also acknowledge those who tragically lost their lives at the Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, South Carolina; and,

**WHEREAS**, *CLASSIC EVENTS!* recognizes the civic, social and humanitarian efforts at this **2016 SALUTE TO THE BLACK CHURCH** of all faiths and all churches to include: **A.M.E., Apostolic, Baptist, Catholic, Christian, C.O.G.I.C., Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist, Muslim, Non-Denominational, Pentecostal, Presbyterian and Seventh-Day Adventist** for the historic contributions of each ministry while using the pulpit to advocate on behalf of the underserved and people of color. Each ministry has a lasting imprint on the history of civil rights, economic development, education, health and politics.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend **CLASSIC EVENTS!** for their **2016 SALUTE TO THE BLACK CHURCH**; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, February 9, 2016, to be **“CLASSIC EVENTS! SALUTE TO THE BLACK CHURCH Day”** in the City of Pittsburgh.