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WHEREAS, Pittsburgh winters can be a difficult time for some of our neighbors. Snow and ice can keep many older and disabled residents stuck inside their homes, making day-to-day tasks particularly challenging; and,

WHEREAS, the Snow Angels program helps to provide these residents' with a saving grace during snow events. Since its launch in 2011, the program has connected volunteers to neighbors who need a helping shovel, fostering safe walkways and a sense of community; and,

WHEREAS, Family Services of Western Pennsylvania adopted the Snow Angels program in 2013, incorporating it into their mission to "Empower People to Reach Their Full Potential." Snow Angels' volunteers embody this, clearing well over 50,000 square feet of city sidewalks since the program's inception; and,

WHEREAS, Snow Angels managed to assist 300 Pittsburghers this past season, more than doubling the number of residents assisted during the season prior, and this year, the Snow Angels program will expand to help residents during all four seasons; and,

WHEREAS, as the program expands, both the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County will continue to play an integral role in matching willing volunteers to seniors and disabled residents who are in need of assistance year-round; and,

WHEREAS, Snow Angels has demonstrated the generosity of Pittsburghers and their willingness to lend a helping hand to their neighbors; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Family Services of Western Pennsylvania and the Snow Angel program for its involvement in fostering the well-being of all its residents and in promoting a vital sense of community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 5th, 2016 to be "**Snow Angels Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.