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WHEREAS, ***Jo Ann Jones*** has lived in Sheraden for 45 years and has become the staple of her community; and,

WHEREAS, when her children, Roberta and Chris, were old enough, she began working at the community nursery school and helped run a local daycare. She then turned her attention to a daycare specifically for the elderly suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia and adults with disabilities until she retired; and,

WHEREAS, after her husband, the late Bob Jones and former city employee, passed away, she came out of retirement and began working four days a week beginning at 4:30 a.m. preparing and serving breakfast at a nearby Holiday Inn; and,

WHEREAS, at the age of 74, she decided her part-time job wasn't enough to keep her busy and resolved to spend the rest of her time helping her neighbors, some much younger than herself; and,

WHEREAS, JoAnn is known for taking neighbors to the hair salon, doctor's appointments, monthly grocery trips, and even takes one elderly woman and her daughter to weekly church services. She can also be found weeding her neighbors' yards and knocks on their doors to make sure they are okay bringing in their mail, never asking for anything in return; and,

WHEREAS, she has looked after an elderly neighbor with dementia who lived alone with no family, until his passing. In addition, when her younger neighbor was recently hospitalized, she began checking on him every day; and,

WHEREAS, JoAnn considers most her neighbors lifelong friends and, as her neighbors would attest, there is not enough time in the day to talk of all she does for the community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend JoAnn Jones for all she is doing in her community and congratulate her on winning Nextdoor's Good Neighbor award; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, September 13, 2016 to be "***JoAnn Jones Day***" in the City of Pittsburgh.