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**WHEREAS**, in 2006, four Arts Management Students at Carnegie Mellon University created the Hustlebot comedy troupe as a group project and later, performed comedy shows in vacant storefronts in Downtown Pittsburgh as a part of the Future Tenant project; and,

**WHEREAS**, Hustlebot has earned numerous awards for its comedic screenwriting and filmmaking in the past decade, including 4 awards in the Pittsburgh 48 Hour Film Festival and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Steeltown Film Factory contest and later, the group created their first feature-length film Roll the Dice, which was filmed entirely in Pittsburgh, employed only Pittsburgh-based actors and technicians, and went on to win a People's Choice Award at the Harmony Ridge Film Festival; and,

**WHEREAS**, the group continue to leave its mark on Pittsburgh's arts community by hosting the popular weekly Pittsburgh Improv Jam at the Cabaret at Theatre Square, during which budding actors and comedians had a chance to showcase their work and by helping to create Pittsburgh's Arcade Comedy Theater; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the group entered and won a Comedy Central television pilot contest and continues to proudly represent Pittsburgh in comedy festivals throughout the country; and,

**WHEREAS**, Hustlebot is comprised of Joe Wichryk II, a graduate of the world-renowned Second City Comedy Conservatory and current Executive Director of the Oaks Theater, David Fedor, a professional wrestler, Larry Phillips, a published author and also a graduate of the Second City, and Joe Fieghtner, a performer at the Arcade Comedy Theater; and,

**WHEREAS**, after a decade of award-winning comedy, the group's members are paying it forward by serving as comedy and acting instructors for the next generation of Pittsburgh performers.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the Hustlebot Comedy Troupe for a decade of success and celebrates the contributions the group has made for Pittsburgh's vibrant arts community; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> to be "Hustlebot Tenth Anniversary Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.