



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**WHEREAS**, **Amnesty International**, founded in London in 1961, is a Nobel Prize- winning grassroots activist organization that undertakes research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination , within the context of its work to promote all human rights; and,

**WHEREAS**, **Amnesty International USA Local Group 39** has been active in the Pittsburgh Region since 1976 and supports the international mission by standing up for humanity and human rights, protecting people wherever justice, freedom, truth and dignity are denied through letter writing, advocacy, demonstrations, speaking engagements and the Write-a-Thon; and,

**WHEREAS**, each year, hundreds of thousands of people across the world mark International Human Rights Day by taking part in Amnesty International’s Global Write-a-Thon, writing letters to demand that the rights of individuals are respected, protected and fulfilled; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year, **Amnesty International Local Pittsburgh Group 39** is sponsoring Annual Human Rights Festival and the 31<sup>th</sup> Annual Write-A-Thon at Calvary Episcopal Church on December 7, 2016, which asks for the release of prisoners of conscience; and,

**WHEREAS**, while letter writing will still be the main focus of the event, the Festival will emphasize a variety of human rights cases, inviting related groups to join with their literature, posters and presentations and will also feature a Candle Lighting Ceremony; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Amnesty International Pittsburgh Local Group 39** for its remarkable work to promote human rights and supports the Human Rights Festival, Write-A-Thon and Candle Lighting; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare December 7, 2016 to be “**Amnesty International Pittsburgh Human Rights Festival and Write-A-Thon Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.