



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**WHEREAS, Randyland** is located at 1501 Arch Street on Pittsburgh's Northside. The owner and artist, **Randy Gilson**, was declared one of the happiest people in America in the documentary Pursuing Happiness; and,

**WHEREAS, Randyland** is often cited as the most painted house in America, and it receives more than one thousand visitors per week who come from all over the world. **Randyland** is also one of the most visited places to take a selfie in Pittsburgh; and,

**WHEREAS, Randyland** has been nationally recognized on NBC News and in the New York Times, among other news outlets, for its diversity, beauty, and community spirit; and,

**WHEREAS, Randyland** is the ultimate recycling project, as almost every piece of art was at one time considered garbage. Every year, **Randy** and **Mac** add to their collection of art by finding worn out items and revitalizing them with color; and,

**WHEREAS, Randy Gilson** and his partner, **Mac**, spent countless hours building gardens in the Northside throughout the 1980s. **Randy** and **Mac** have dedicated their lives to welcoming foreign travelers to Pittsburgh, and **Randyland** is the ultimate welcoming space; and,

**WHEREAS, Randy** and **Mac** are committed to spreading joy to everyone they encounter. Their inclusivity and art is a vibrant and necessary element of the Northside, and residents of the City of Pittsburgh would agree that **Randyland** is one of the happiest places in the City; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare **Saturday, June 3, 2017** to be "**Randyland Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.