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WHEREAS, the **Mattress Factory** was founded in 1977 by a group of artists to support in-residence artists and on-site installation and performance art; and,

WHEREAS, the **Mattress Factory** is located in Pittsburgh's North Side within nine beautifully renovated buildings which previously sat vacant and unused; and,

WHEREAS, the **Mattress Factory** is a contemporary art museum and experimental lab featuring site-specific installations created by artists in residence from around the world. The **Mattress Factory's** residency program also provides important resources and guidance to resident artists; and,

WHEREAS, the **Mattress Factory** exhibits contemporary and unconventional work from nearly 700 artists who have created unconventional, thought-provoking, and intriguing installations and individual pieces. The **Mattress Factory's** flexibility and inventiveness allows artists to respond to developments in technology, explore audience interaction, and challenge traditional artistic ideals and practice; and,

WHEREAS, since its founding, the **Mattress Factory's** exhibitions have presented new works by critically-acclaimed regional, national and international artists and the museum's exhibitions appear in publications like *The New York Times*, *Art in America*, *Art Asian/Pacific*, and the *Wall Street Journal*, among many others; and,

WHEREAS, the **Mattress Factory Education Department** has developed outreach programs using installation art to challenge, excite, and motivate students and learners of all ages to engage the world around them in new and creative ways; and,

WHEREAS, in honor of its 40th anniversary, the **Mattress Factory** has installed a Skyspace art piece donated by acclaimed artist James Turrell, and a major public light display on the roof of its main building that can be viewed from all around Pittsburgh; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the noble and creative contributions of the **Mattress Factory** to the City, the state, and the world, through four decades; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, June 16th, 2017, "**Mattress Factory Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.