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WHEREAS, Club Elevation, a fitness center located at 201 North Braddock Avenue in Point Breeze, recently celebrated its one-year anniversary; and,

WHEREAS, Club Elevation, owned by Owen Macklin and Clay Moorefield, is a testament to the virtues of resilience and perseverance; and,

WHEREAS, Owen Macklin, who participated in the Junior Olympics in track and field at the age of 9, was a standout football player at Perry Traditional Academy and went on to Lane College in Tennessee to play football; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of some bad choices he made, Owen received a 10 year federal prison sentence. While in prison, he rediscovered fitness, exercising with aim and purpose, and devoured literature. He also developed the plan for what would become Club Elevation; and,

WHEREAS, Clay Moorefield grew up in Hazelwood, and in addition be excelling in basketball, track and gymnastics, graduated high school as a member of the National Honor Society. Clay went on to major in Business Administration and Management at Central State University; and,

WHEREAS, Clay also made some bad choices, which resulted in him spending 11 years in prison, but gave him the opportunity to reflect upon his life and choices. Clay pursued his certification in personal training while imprisoned. Upon his release, he worked numerous jobs until he decided to start his own company, G.O.A.L.S. Oriented Training, LLC, in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Owen and Clay met at a Strip District fitness center, where they became friends and decided to open their own facility. In November of 2016 they opened Club Elevation; and,

WHEREAS, Owen and Clay give generously of their time to host and support fitness programs for youth, churches and assist troubled youth in their communities; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby celebrate the commitment to change and the dedication Owen and Clay demonstrate on a daily basis as a message of hope and strength that all things are possible; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, December 12, 2017 to be "***Club Elevation Day***" in the City of Pittsburgh.