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WHEREAS, Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., founded under the leadership of Ailene C. Ewell in 1932 at Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing in Washington, D.C., uses the Greek Letters $\chi\eta\phi$ to symbolize character, education, and friendship; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of **Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.** is to develop a corps of nursing leaders; encourage continuing education; continuously recruit nursing and health professionals; stimulate a close and friendly relationship among members; and develop working relationships with other professional groups; and,

WHEREAS, more than 8,000 professional nurses and nursing students representing many cultures and ethnicities make up the 78+ graduate chapters and 38 undergraduate chapters located in 26 states as well as District of Columbia, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Monrovia, Liberia, and West Africa. Membership in **Chi Eta Phi** is by invitation and is both active and honorary; and,

WHEREAS, Chi Eta Phi provides national, regional, and local conferences, seminars, and workshops to all of its members. In addition, **Chi Eta Phi** provides consumer health education programs, leadership development programs, and scholarship awards recognizing outstanding nurses; and,

WHEREAS, Chi Eta Phi sustains important relationships with many civic, professional, and educational groups including The American Nurses' Association, National Council of Negro Women, United Negro College Fund, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Association of Sickle Cell Disease, American Cancer Society, National Cancer Institute, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse; and,

WHEREAS, the **Kappa Chapter** of **Chi Eta Phi** is an organization of registered professional nurses which was organized with eleven charter members under the guidance of Hortense Johnson, National Organizer on May 1, 1949 in Pittsburgh, PA. The first charter life members were **Lillie Lesesene, Kappa Chapter;** and **Joyce Lomax, Tau Chapter, Hampton Va.** Deceased charter members are **Evelyn Johnson, Ruby Hadley, Frances Patterson-Chatman, Marie Cowans, Evelyn Crampton, Eunice Cook, Gladys Harris-Manxo, and Anna King-Noble;** and,

WHEREAS, Kappa members are committed to serving the Pittsburgh communities by efforts to actively collaborate to form strong partnerships and alliances with other healthcare organizations, which are also interested in effectively and efficiently decreasing community health disparities within the Pittsburgh communities. Annually, **Kappa Chapter** continues to rededicate itself to the **Chi** purposes, goals, and mission: Participates as board members; collaborate and/or partner with Allen Place Community Services, Inc.; participates in health screening projects for the purpose of inoculations, blood pressure screening, health education, and appropriate medical referrals especially servicing African American communities; networks and affiliates with organizations; develops a corps of nursing leaders; and provides scholarships to student nurses;

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and,

WHEREAS, Kappa Chapter has had the historic pleasure of chartering three undergraduate chapters in Pittsburgh. **Kappa Beta Chapter** was chartered on January 28, 1984 at the University of Pittsburgh; **Kappa Alpha Beta Chapter** was chartered on March 23, 1996 at Duquesne University; and **Kappa Alpha Beta Chapter** was chartered on May 1, 2004 at Carlow University; and,

WHEREAS, this year, **Kappa Chapter** honors 27 nurses who are members of the organization and Pittsburgh Nurse mentors with the annual Mamie Garland Nursing Scholarship Brunch; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, March 24, 2018, to be “**Chi Eta Phi: Kappa Chapter Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.