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WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. once said “Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals”; and,

WHEREAS, the **A. Philip Randolph Institute of Pittsburgh** is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. Founded in 1968, the **A. Philip Randolph Institute of Pittsburgh** is dedicated to social progress for minorities, the poor and working class; and,

WHEREAS, since its formation, the **A. Philip Randolph Institute of Pittsburgh** policies and programs have been governed by strict adherence to the political values and principals exemplified by the institute’s founder, A. Philip Randolph, 1889-1979. A. Philip Randolph was a trailblazing leader, organizer and social activist who championed equitable labor rights for African-Americans during the 20th century; and,

WHEREAS, the **A. Philip Randolph Institute of Pittsburgh** provides a variety of programs to individuals that help extend democracy, education and opportunity to those traditionally disenfranchised or discouraged from participation. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for economically disadvantaged families by providing the necessary resources that improve their standard of living, foster self-improvement, self-empowerment, and self-sufficiency. The **A. Philip Randolph Institute of Pittsburgh** is dedicated to those disenfranchised by situations, circumstances, or indifferences; and,

WHEREAS, working with the labor movement and other allies, the **A. Philip Randolph Institute of Pittsburgh** is dedicated to building a world where families are able to make sustaining wages and full inclusion is part of everyday life; and,

WHEREAS, upon remembering the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s assassination, we reflect on the trailblazers of our past who came together determined to change the world and remake an America that is more closely aligned with our highest ideals. Fifty years later, great progress has been made; however, there is still more work that needs to be done;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, April 17, 2018, to be “**A. Philip Randolph Institute of Pittsburgh Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.