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WHEREAS, **Dollar Energy Fund** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for households experiencing hardships by providing utility assistance and other services that lead to self-sufficiency. Founded in 1983 in Western PA by a collaboration of concerned community and business leaders, **Dollar Energy Fund** has grown to become the largest hardship fund in Pennsylvania and one of the largest in the country; and,

WHEREAS, with the majority of its funding obtained through private donations and matching utility shareholder credits, **Dollar Energy Fund** partners with 41 utility companies, including Penn American Water, Columbia Gas of PA, Peoples Natural Gas and Duquesne Light to help at-risk households maintain or restore safe and basic gas, water and electric service; and,

WHEREAS, **Dollar Energy Fund** has provided \$142 million in utility assistance to more than 515,000 households since 1983, with approximately half of the program's beneficiaries in the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, **Dollar Energy Fund** focuses on education, weatherization and payment counseling and administers limited-income programs for a number of utility companies. It has also grown since 1983 to include a state-of-the-art call center, a custom web based grants management system to assist in the administration of the Hardship Program called iPartner and has reduced the grant distribution from 2/4 weeks to 24-48 hours; and,

WHEREAS, On April 19, 2018, **Dollar Energy Fund** will mark its 35th Anniversary and will kick-off with internal events for their Board of Directors and employees and will recognize this milestone throughout the year with special celebrations, organization functions, fundraising drives and community outreach; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Dollar Energy Fund** for its commitment to provide assistance to those in our community who most need it and congratulates them on 35 years of successful service; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, April 19, 2018 to be "**DOLLAR ENERGY FUND DAY**" in the City of Pittsburgh.