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WHEREAS, Willissae's Agency for Vision and Empowerment (WAVE) is a worldwide ministry that empowers and changes the mindset and long-term well-being of individuals who have been afflicted by violence and trauma; and,

WHEREAS, Charlise Smith is the Founding Executive Director of WAVE. There is no accident that the picture and name of this agency is Willissae's Agency For Vision and Empowerment. Willissae was Charlise's mother who was brutally murdered when she was a child. This was just the beginning of this organization's conception and development over the years. It was also developed from her experience working in the low-income community for over 15 years; and,

WHEREAS, Despite her life experiences, Charlise has continued to work with persons with disabilities. She is the ultimate compassionate, successful businesswoman and serves the community in which there is the most need. She has been in the Real Estate industry for over 15 years. She is also an ordained preacher who volunteers at the Allegheny County Jail; and,

WHEREAS, Charlise Smith has also provided jobs for 15 men coming out of incarceration through her Cleaning company and Management Company. This Workforce Initiative has been a vision in her mind for over 10 years; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Charlise Smith; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, December 3, 2019, to be "**Charlise Smith Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.