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WHEREAS, born in Shreveport, LA and raised in Anderson, Indiana, **Stacy Smith** is widely known and respected as the News Anchor at CBS. KDKA-TV, and after a 50 year broadcasting career, is about to step away from KDKA where he spent most of his career; and,

WHEREAS, **Stacy Smith** will be retiring on May 31, 2021. He began his career at WLBC-AM in Muncie, IN and then in Louisville, Indianapolis and Kansas City before coming to KDKA as a News Anchor in 1983; and,

WHEREAS, Stacy has been the constant presence during breaking news situations as well as having made a name for himself in election coverage, reporting all the way through the 2020 election. Career highlights included the Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for courage of the 1994 USAir Flight 427 crash, coverage of the Tree of Life shooting, the dispute between UPMC and Highmark and an award for a report on organ transplants and Dr Thomas Starzl. He received the the Golden Quill Award for a special on Pittsburgh Bishop Donald Wuerl that he co-produced and anchored. He worked on the Emmy winning special, "After the Miracle", another accolade for Generation X and for "Maazel" as well as having anchored newscasts that have honored him with awards from Associated Press and United Press International. Stacy was a recipient of the Vector's Man of the Year Award and the Life Time Achievement Award by the Pittsburgh Radio and Television Club; and,

WHEREAS, in 2006, **Stacy Smith** was nominated for a Regional Emmy for writing, producing and anchoring a half hour special on the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Jonas Salk discovering the polio vaccine in Pittsburgh. As a 6 month old in the spring of 1949, Stacy contracted polio. Initially completely paralyzed, he got better but didn't walk until he was 3 or 4. He wore leg braces as a child and sustained a lifelong weakness to his left leg but never allowed his limp to interfere or hinder his ambitions or his remarkable work; and,

WHEREAS, Stacy is active in the community, having served on the Board of Directors of Harmarville Rehabilitation Center, Three Rivers Council for Independent Living and Family House. He and his wife, Sharon, are the parents of two children.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Stacy Smith** for 50 years of award winning broadcasting, for a career of extraordinary achievement, friendships and compassion and for being a Pittsburgh icon; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Monday, May 31, 2021, to be "**STACY SMITH DAY**" in the City of Pittsburgh.