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WHEREAS, the **Pittsburgh Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade**, sponsored by the Irish Society for Education and Charity Inc. and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee with Parade Sponsors Allegheny County Airport Authority, the City of Pittsburgh, The Buncher Company, Trebuchet Consulting, Moran and Moran Law, Showhorse, Inc, Rome Monument, Seubert Agency, Skywalk Equipment, Hefron-Tillotson, Nuthatch Studio, Impact Consulting Solutions and Teamsters Local 249 will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022, and,

WHEREAS, **The St. Patrick's Day Parade**, first held in 1869 and occurring non-stop since 1950, has grown in size and splendor and now consists of 22,000 participants and draws 200,000 spectators to downtown Pittsburgh, "all Irish for the day", and has become the oldest and largest parade in the City of Pittsburgh, the second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the United States.

WHEREAS, the magnificent **St. Patrick's Day Parade** celebrates Pittsburgh's Irish heritage and will present marching units including bands, specialty acts, floats, local and Irish officials, police, fire, emergency service agencies, military bands and a host of Irish heritage groups. Festivities formally kick off with the Parade Fundraiser at the Harp and Fiddle and will be followed by the Annual Parade Fundraiser Button Party on March 4, 2022 at the Priory, the Annual AOH Communion Breakfast, the Proclamation presentation and the MSIE Crowning; and,

WHEREAS, the Parade will begin at 10:00 AM at the Greyhound Bus Station, led by this year's Grand Marshall, **Peter Shovlin**, and will include **Hibernian of the Year Bob Kelly** and "**Miss Smiling Irish Eyes**", **MacKenzie Brigid Ridge**, and her Court, **Erin Mary Burkhardt** and **Zoe Mulkerrins**. MSIE will be celebrating its 60 Anniversary and all former Miss Smiling Irish Eyes and Court Maidens will be participating in the Parade. **Parade Chairman is Jeffrey "Mac" McCafferty**.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend all of the organizers of and participants in the Annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, in honor of Pittsburgh's Irish community, hereby declare the days of March 12 - 17, 2022 to be "**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE WEEK**" in the City of Pittsburgh.