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Title: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends and congratulates B-PEP on their upcoming 30th year, and does hereby declare Tuesday, March 22nd 2016 to be "Black Political Empowerment Project Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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WHEREAS, B-PEP, the **Black Political Empowerment Project**, was launched on May 21, 1986 as a non-partisan community collaborative bringing together private agencies, local non-profit organizations, religious leaders, and numerous committed individuals who together seek to build social power and influence for the African American community in the City of Pittsburgh and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, B-PEP accomplishes this important task by working to ensure that all African Americans in the Pittsburgh region are registered to vote and participate actively in the election cycle; and further that those in political office move to expeditiously and effectively meet the needs, aspirations, and concerns of the African American population they are elected to serve; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to ensuring that African Americans participate in the voting process, **B-PEP** oversees other important initiatives, including the *Greater Pittsburgh Coalition Against Violence (CAV)* with its *Youth Summits* and the *Corporate Equity and Inclusion Roundtable (CEIR)*, while also participating in the *Non-profit Voter Engagement Network*; and,

WHEREAS, B-PEP relies on the dedication and commitment of the volunteers and community partners who volunteer their time and skills to accomplish the incredibly important work of the organization; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends and congratulates **B-PEP** on their upcoming 30th year, and does hereby declare Tuesday, March 22nd 2016 to be "**Black Political Empowerment Project Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.