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Title: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes Tom Croft for his 35 years of dedicated service and commitment to the Steel Valley Authority; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize December 18, 2025, as “Tom Croft Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Erika Strassburger, All Members

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WHEREAS, Tom Croft came to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1986; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Croft brought his background in economic development from the West Coast to help save jobs in Pittsburgh with the Steel Valley Authority; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Croft went on to work across twelve municipalities to gather resources for saving Pittsburgh area companies and creating a network of regional partners; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Croft designed the Strategic Early Warning Network (SEWN) program, recognized as one of the most effective job retention programs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Croft authored the national *Guidebook of Layoff Aversion* for the U.S. Department of Labor and has trained more than 20 states on the practices of layoff aversion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Croft brought the Steel Valley Authority into the policy realm through the development of the *National Call to Action to Retain, Restore and Create Jobs* conference and cohort bringing together numerous states and stakeholders to discuss economic recovery strategies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Croft went on to partner with United Steelworkers and the AFL-CIO in 1995 to establish the Heartland Network to advocate for rebuilding cities, renewing industrial commons, growing a clean economy, and making the boss more accountable; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Croft established the *Labor Capital Strategies Fellowship* in collaboration with Georgetown University to educate emerging capital stewards on the labor movement and innovative alternatives to

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traditional Wall Street practices; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Croft published three successful books including *Up from Wall Street, Working Capital: The Power of Labor's Pensions,* and in 2016, *The Responsible Investor Handbook*; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Croft has shared his expertise at over 100 conferences and panels throughout Europe, Canada, and the United States-including a distinguished appearance at the White House-demonstrating his remarkable impact and commitment to the field; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Croft has devoted more than 35 years advancing worker representation in the workplace, community, and public policy.

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