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WHEREAS, ten years ago Post-Gazette theatre maven Chris Rawson became a big-time producer when he dove into the frothy world of satire to produce Off the Record, a collaboration of unionized members of the Pittsburgh area's media and theatre worlds, benefiting various local charities; and

WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild/CWA 38061 and the Pittsburgh Local of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists have for these ten years co-sponsored this annual event, which has raised \$213,000 for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, and some cash for other organizations, too; and

WHEREAS, what soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul; and

WHEREAS, according to e. e. cummings, "The most wasted of all days is one without laughter"; and

WHEREAS, according to Victor Borge, "Laughter is shortest distance between two people"; and

WHEREAS, Elsa Maxwell said, "Laugh at yourself first, before anyone else can"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh is often in a laughable condition; and

WHEREAS, Off the Record X: "Malpractice Blues!" trods the boards with song and dance on October 7, 2010, at the Byham Theater, Downtown, curtain at 8:00 p.m., "skewering the health care field as well as customary Pittsburgh politics, personalities and culture" and presenting "a mythically epic duel between UPMC and Dr. Marcus WELL-be, a do-gooder competing with a health-care giant, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera; and

WHEREAS, over the years, audiences of Off the Record have fallen out of their seats watching Chuck Aber play Mayor Murphy, and Michael Moats play Cyril Wecht, and Chuck Aber play Governor Rendell, and Lenora Nemetz as the Casino Girl, and Gary Rotstein and Sophie Masloff and Lynn Cullen and Johnna Pro and Ken Rice and Jim Roddey and Howard Elson and Tim Menees and Michael Fuller and Ruth Ann Dailey, and Mayor Ravenstahl in riot gear; and

WHEREAS, the previous clause is entirely OFF THE RECORD;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim October 7, 2010, to be "Off the Record Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.