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WHEREAS, the Polish Falcons of America was founded in Chicago, Illinois in 1894 and has been headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania since 1912; and

WHEREAS, the Polish Falcons of America is a non-profit organization and is an outgrowth of a similar organization founded in Poland in 1867 incorporating the Latin maxim "a sound mind in a sound body"; and

WHEREAS, the heart of the Polish Falcons is the Nest, which is the key social group that brings together members of the Falcons for a wide range of social, cultural and athletic activities; and

WHEREAS, Nest 118, Pittsburgh, PA, (South Side), originally a women only nest, was founded February 24, 1910, by a group of women led by the wife of Dr. Theofil A. Starzynski, and still remains 85% female, today; and

WHEREAS, over the past 100 years Nest 118 has hosted and participated in adult and youth sporting events; contributed volunteer hours and funds to a number of charitable organizations; and continues to promote cultural awareness and preserve ethnic traditions, passed from generation to generation, particularly during October - Polish American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the official emblem of the Polish Falcons of America is the falcon and like this daring and fearless bird their members are strong, fearless and tireless in their efforts to promote physical well-being and their Polish heritage and continue to pass on Polish culture, music, dance and traditions to their families and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, hereby, congratulate and commend the Polish Falcons of America, Nest 118 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for serving so many over the past 100 years and does, hereby, bid them Czolem as they enter into their next 100 years.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares Sunday, October 24 to be Polish Falcons of America, Nest 118 Day in the City of Pittsburgh.

