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WHEREAS, over the past two years, the heart and liver transplantation programs at Allegheny General Hospital (AGH) have achieved superior patient outcomes that place the hospital among the highest quality transplant centers in the country, according to the national *Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients*; and

WHEREAS, AGH's one year survival rate for patients undergoing heart transplant is now the best of any medical center in the state, and the hospital is one of just three heart transplant programs in the country noted for better than expected patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, AGH's Liver Transplant program also posted a one year survival rate that is the state's best and among the top 25 adult transplant programs in the country, the program's one year and three year patient outcomes are the best of Pittsburgh's adult transplant centers; and

WHEREAS, it takes an extremely talented and dedicated multi-disciplinary team of transplant specialists to achieve such great results:

AGH's Heart Transplant program is led by Raymond Benza, MD and Stephen Bailey MD. AGH's Center for Abdominal Transplantation is directed by Ngoc Thai MD, PhD. Jose Oliva, MD serves as the Medical Director of Liver Transplantation and Kalathel Sureshkumar, MD serves as the Medical Director of Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation.

Other physician leaders in the Heart Transplant program include George Magovern, MD and Srinivas Murali, MD, Co-Directors, McGinnis Cardiovascular Institute, Robert Moraca, MD, George Sokos, DO, Manreet Kanwar, MD and Amresh Raina, MD. Physician leaders in the Center of Abdominal Transplantation include Kusum Tom, MD, Akhtar Khan and Peter Abrams, MD, Richard Marcus, MD, Sabhia Hussain, MD, Tina Ko, MD and Khaled Nashar, MD.

Other key members of the transplant team who have been instrumental to the success of the program include Peter Linden, MD, Steven Bowles, MD, Subbarao Elapavaluru, MD, Joseph Rossi, MD, Michael Dishart, MD, Joseph Kim, MD, Peter Olson, MD and physicians specializing in psychiatry and infectious disease.

Both teams are supported by dedicated and talented nurses, under the leadership of Mary Lee Chapas, AGH CNO, who are specially trained in transplantation and encompass nurses at the bedside, case managers, and outpatient nurses. Staff from perioperative services, social workers, financial counselors, pharmacists, dieticians, physician assistants and ancillary testing and support staff are also key members of the transplant support team.

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Administratively, the teams are supported by, Lisa Hoff, Director of Congestive Heart Failure and Transplantation and William Morris, Director, Abdominal Transplantation, and under the overall leadership of Judy Zedreck AGH CEO;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby recognize and honor the great results of AGH transplant specialists and commend the talented and dedicated professionals who have set such a high standard of care in the very specialized field of transplantation surgery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, March 20, 2012, to be “**AGH Transplant Programs Recognition Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.