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WHEREAS, Linda Donahue began volunteering with Tree Pittsburgh's Tree Tender program nearly half-a-decade ago, and took on the full responsibility of leading the Carrick Tree Tenders in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Tree Pittsburgh's Tree Tenders program offers training and certification that empowers concerned residents to make dramatic strides towards restoring and caring for the tree canopy in their communities. The acclaimed program is at the forefront of an urban tree movement across the country and is one of the oldest, most respected volunteer urban-tree care programs; and

WHEREAS, Linda's work in 2014 has personified what it means to be a dedicated Tree Tender. From last winter through this fall, Linda worked with Tree Pittsburgh to organize both 'pruning workshops' and 'mulching parties', leapfrogging their way down the Brownsville Road corridor each month to ensure all of the Carrick neighborhood's newly planted trees received the loving care they need during the course of the growing season; and

WHEREAS, each month Linda worked to ensure the events were well marketed via social media and email, resulting in a respectable attendance of volunteers per event. All in all, Linda and her fellow volunteers were able to weed, mulch and pick up litter around 85 young trees along Brownsville Road, and prune nearly 50 of them; and

WHEREAS, her work for 2014 is not done yet, as Linda and the Carrick Tree Tenders will be at it again with one last Pruning Workshop this Saturday, December 13th to cap off a banner year of volunteerism for Linda, her fellow Tree Tenders and the trees in Carrick; and

WHEREAS, Tree Pittsburgh's Volunteer Recognition and Holiday Party is a much deserved opportunity to celebrate the contributions of committed volunteers like Linda as well as corporate and community partners who have gone above and beyond to protect and maintain the City of Pittsburgh's urban forest in 2014; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby celebrate the commitment and achievements of Linda Donahue, Tree Pittsburgh's Tree Tender of the Year for 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes all of the Carrick Tree Tenders, Tree Tenders City-wide, of course, the valiant leadership of the Tree Pittsburgh staff.