



## Text File

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**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jesse Andrews is a Pittsburgh native and graduate of Pittsburgh Public School's Schenley High School and Harvard University; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Andrews is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling novel *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl*, published by Amulet Books in 2012 and recently adapted by the author into a screenplay for a major motion picture; and,

**WHEREAS**, the film, set and shot in the former Schenley High School building in Pittsburgh's North Oakland neighborhood by **Indian Paintbrush**, who later partnered with **Fox Searchlight Pictures** for worldwide distribution, is a testament to the flourishing film industry that has contributed so significantly to the dynamic growth of our City on the international stage; and,

**WHEREAS**, the classrooms, hallways, and auditorium that were used in the film are some of the same locations where Mr. Andrews spent his time as a high school student in Pittsburgh; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Andrews grew up Point Breeze, and his love for his community is evident as he used his own childhood home as a set for the film; and,

**WHEREAS**, in early showings *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* has received rave reviews, winning several prestigious awards at the 2015 *Sundance Film Festival*, including the Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award; and,

**WHEREAS**, celebrating the launch of the film, several star members of the film's cast and important members of the crew will be in the Pittsburgh region for a premier showing at the AMC Waterfront Theater; including Jesse Andrews, Alfonso Gomez-Rejon, RJ Cyler, Olivia Cooke, and Thomas Mann.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and celebrate the accomplishments of our fellow Pittsburgher Jesse Andrews and the talented cast of this Pittsburgh-made and inspired film, thanking also all of those who worked behind the scenes to produce and organize this amazing film; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare *Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2015* to be "*Jesse Andrews' Me and Earl and the Dying Girl Day*" in the City of Pittsburgh.