



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**WHEREAS, Regina McDonald** is a lifelong resident of Sheraden who graduated from suburban Slippery Rock University in 1973 and earned her first master's degree from Penn State University in Recreation and Parks Administration and Supervision in 1976 and her second master's degree in Administration of Justice from the University of Pittsburgh in 1984, writing her thesis on the topic of "police stress"; and,

**WHEREAS,** soon after, Ms. McDonald became one of the Pittsburgh Police Academy's first women recruits and she joined the Police Bureau in July, 1978, and was assigned to Zone 4; and,

**WHEREAS,** in February of 1986, after being trained in Los Angeles, Regina introduced and oversaw the D.A.R.E. Program in Pittsburgh working with schoolchildren within Public, Private and Parochial schools and implemented the D.A.R.E. public safety day camp program in each zone targeting 6<sup>th</sup> graders; and,

**WHEREAS,** McDonald was promoted to sergeant in 1993 assigned to the Community Oriented Policing (COP) Division and oversaw crime prevention youth programs and training for the COP Officers. In April, 1995, she was promoted to the rank of Commander, first to the COP Division then of the Training Academy in 1998; and in September, 2000 she was made Commander of Narcotics and Vice; and,

**WHEREAS,** in January, 2004 she was promoted to assistant chief of investigations becoming only the second woman to hold a chief's rank in the department's history and in 2006, she became Assistant Chief of Administration; and,

**WHEREAS,** finally, she was named acting Pittsburgh Police Chief on February 20, 2013 and became the city's first woman chief; and,

**WHEREAS,** Ms. McDonald Retired on Feb, 27, 2015, named the Assistant Chief of Administration during the transition; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Regina McDonald for over 40 years of service with the City of Pittsburgh; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, September 15, 2015, to be "**Regina McDonald Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.