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*WHEREAS*, the Metro-Urban Institute (MUI) was founded in 1991, MUI combines the theory and practice of collaborative community ministry into a program of urban theological education that prepares students for excellence in any context of ministry, but with particular attention to public realities affecting the urban environment. With more than 80 percent of all USA residents and 50 percent of the global population living in and around urban centers, the Metro-Urban Institute prepares Christian leaders for the challenges of urban contextual ministry; and,

*WHEREAS*, Metro-Urban Institute (MUI) is an academic, advocacy, and programmatic action arm of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, concerned with factors that shape contemporary urban life and that shape Christian ministry within urban contexts; and,

*WHEREAS*, MUI's activities have two primary emphases facilitation of experiential, curricular, and scholarly engagement with urban poverty contexts and concerns, especially engagement by theological students and educators; and analysis, mapping, and reinforcement of the socio-religious resources of churches, community organizations, social networks, and leadership sectors within low-income neighborhoods; and,

*WHEREAS*, the MUI's instructional, research, and community engagement activities include: Contextualized Learning and Instruction, Participatory Action Research, and Community Partnership and Policy Advocacy; and,

*WHEREAS*, on Saturday, April 30, 2016 the Metro Urban Institute will be celebrating 25 years of serving God and the City; and,

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate Metro-Urban Institute on 25 years of service; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, <u>April</u> <u>30, 2016</u>, to be "*Metro-Urban Institute Day*" in the City of Pittsburgh.