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WHEREAS, Jessica Friss, daughter of Ray and Deborah Friss of Mount Washington, was awarded the National Girl Scout Gold Award on Saturday, May 14 from Girl Scout Troop #50097 ; and,

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious award earned by Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts with only 5.4% of all eligible girls earning the award; and,

WHEREAS, earning the Gold Award requires, on average, 1 to 2 years of planning and implementing a challenging and engaging large-scale project emphasizing sustainability that is innovative and impacts the community; and,

WHEREAS, Jessica's project addressed the issue of rainwater runoff near an Emerald View Park trailhead in the Mount Washington neighborhood of Pittsburgh. With the help of MWCDC, Jessica constructed a rain garden that helped slow down the deterioration of the roadway, filtered the polluted runoff water, and beautified the area; and,

WHEREAS, in addition, Ms. Friss educated the community on the positive impact of a rain garden through brochures left at the trailhead, fliers left at houses near the rain garden and a presentation at her local library; and,

WHEREAS, Jessica is an outstanding young woman of character who worked very hard to attain the highest achievement in Girl Scouting and plans to continue her support of environmental issues by pursuing a degree in Environmental Science at Robert Morris University; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Jessica Friss for her honor that reflects her leadership and citizenship skills and her contribution to the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, May 24, 2016, to be "**Jessica Friss Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.