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WHEREAS, Black Women for Positive Change (BW4PC), a national civic network of predominately African American women and “Good Brothers” from States including: California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Nebraska, New York, Texas and Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, BW4PC has recognized that it is time to change the culture of violence in America, and the group has recognized that gun violence, physical violence and abuse of all kinds must be stopped before this violence destroys the fabric of our society; and,

WHEREAS, the historic legacy of violence in America has created a national obsession with violence, impacting every person, at every point of our culture, from film and television to news and video games, and, threatening our national security and the safety of children, youth, adults, seniors and families; and,

WHEREAS, BW4PC is calling for a “National Week of Non-Violence,” October 15-23, 2016; and urging leaders to organize events to teach nonviolence skills in collaboration with elected officials, faith-based leaders, business leaders, national organizations, educators, musicians, rappers, athletes and community leaders; and,

WHEREAS, all Americans are encouraged to organize community-based events that teach non-violence, conflict resolution, parenting, among other violence prevention efforts; and,

WHEREAS, BW4PC, with community partners, will be holding several events in Pittsburgh in conjunction with the "National Week of Nonviolence;" and,

WHEREAS, events include a workshop entitled "Street Talk with the Police," in partnership with the NAACP; a screening of the film *On Second Thought* at Rankin Christian Center, an inter-community violence workshop at Rodman Baptist Church, a play on Teen Dating violence in partnership with the YWCA, a poster project at Pittsburgh Brookline Elementary School, a prayer vigil at Lincoln Avenue Church of God, an event at Penn Hills School District, and a workshop entitled "You and the Law," in partnership with the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement and the Black Nurses Association; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Pittsburgh does hereby applaud the organization Black Women for Positive Change for its advocacy and energy to spread their message of non-violence with programs and activities in communities around the country; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare October 15-23, 2016 to be "Black Women for Positive Change's National Week of Non-Violence" in the

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