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WHEREAS, the **Pittsburgh Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade**, sponsored by the Irish Society for Education and Charity Inc. and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee with Clearview Federal Credit Union as the Grand Marshall Sponsor, Number One Cochran as Vehicle Sponsor, The Buncher Group as Staging sponsor, Pennsylvania American Water as the Band Sponsor, the Allegheny County Airport Authority, Cleaveland Price, InventHelp and Udderly Smooth will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, **The St. Patrick's Day Parade**, first held in 1869 and occurring non-stop since 1950, has grown in size and splendor and now consists of 23,000 enthusiastic Irish marchers and draws 200,000 spectators to downtown Pittsburgh, "all Irish for the day," and has become the oldest and largest parade in the City of Pittsburgh, the second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the United States and according to Niche.com, America's Best City for Partying on St. Patrick's Day; and,

WHEREAS, the magnificent **St. Patrick's Day Parade** celebrates Pittsburgh's Irish heritage and will feature 200 marching units including bands, specialty acts, floats, elected officials, police, fire and emergency service agencies and a host of Irish heritage groups. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is the highlight of an entire week of Irish heritage events in and around Pittsburgh, featuring area artists, musicians and community groups and is a catalyst for all Pittsburgh to explore Irish heritage, culture, entertainment and cuisine throughout the year. There will be a Pre-Parade Mass at St. Patrick Church in the Strip District and family-friendly fun featuring the Shovlin School of Irish Dance, the Pittsburgh Ceili Club and Weekend at Blarney's during the Parade hours in Market Square; and,

WHEREAS, the Parade will begin at 10:00 AM at the Greyhound Bus Station, led by this year's Grand Marshall, **Jan Griffith**, and will include "**Miss Smiling Irish Eyes**," Queen **Sydney Diulus**, and her Court, **Coleen Marie Bench** and **Megan Rohde**; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend all of the organizers of and participants in the Annual **St. Patrick's Day Parade**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, in honor of Pittsburgh's Irish Community, hereby declare the days of March 7 - 17, 2017 to be **"ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE WEEK"** in the City of Pittsburgh.