*WHEREAS*, founded in 2012 by Erica Upshaw-Givner, *Vision Towards Peace* is celebrating 5 years of providing counseling services to individuals in order for them to live a productive and meaningful life with peace of mind, independence and strength; and,

*WHEREAS*, Erica works hard to provide a culturally sensitive atmosphere and is committed to combating the stereotypical stigma attached to African American's seeking mental health wellness; and,

*WHEREAS,* Vision Towards Peace works closely with Pretrial Services providing free and reduced priced mental health evaluations and drug and alcohol assessments; and,

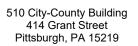
*WHEREAS*, Vision Towards Peace hosts its annual *Passion Meets the Road Awards Gala* to acknowledge those who typically go unnoticed in the mental health field; and,

*WHEREAS*, most recently, Vision Towards Peace partnered with Addison Behavioral Care, who serve families and individuals with substance abuse, in order to offer a more comprehensive care by incorporating mental health services into substance abuse treatment to ensure a more full and lasting recovery; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Erica Upshaw-Givner and Vision Towards Peace on their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare <u>Sunday</u>, <u>March</u> <u>12, 2017</u> to be *"Vision Towards Peace Day"* in the City of Pittsburgh.

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