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WHEREAS, as Southwestern Pennsylvania's only licensed freestanding birth center, and now the largest freestanding birth center in the nation, The Midwife Center for Birth & Women's Health has provided thousands of women with exceptional healthcare since its beginning in 1982; and

WHEREAS, under the supervision of Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNM), The Midwife Center provides pregnancy, birthing, and gynecological care for women during all stages of their lives; and

WHEREAS, thanks to The Midwife Center's unique philosophy of care and the dedication of its accomplished staff, the Center continues to maintain a standard of excellence in the health outcomes of its patients, with lower than average rates of premature birth, low birth weight and cesarean section; and

WHEREAS, between 2002 and 2014 The Midwife Center saw the number of births almost triple, prompting the center to expand its facilities to accommodate the growing demand for services; and

WHEREAS, with plans completed in 2017, the Center's expanded facility in the Strip District adds two more birth suites, four more appointment rooms, and a dedicated classroom that allows for new educational programs; and

WHEREAS, The Midwife Center continues to remain true to its fundamental commitment to serve women who have been marginalized from traditional health care settings by creating a number of program initiatives including its walk-in programs, "With Woman Fridays" and "Con Mujeres" for Spanish-speaking women; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate The Midwife Center for Birth & Women's Health on their commitment to excellent, client-centered care, and thanks the Center for ensuring the health and wellbeing of thousands of local women and their children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare April 10th, 2017 to be "**The Midwife Center Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.