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**WHEREAS**, the Pittsburgh Chinese School, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1977 with a mission to teach and promote Chinese language, culture, and arts in the Pittsburgh community; and,

**WHEREAS**, located at Taylor Allderdice High School, the Pittsburgh Chinese School has 326 students and 73 faculty members and operates every Sunday afternoon during the school year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Pittsburgh Chinese School curriculum focuses on listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills to prepare students for Chinese proficiency tests such as Advanced Placement and HSK, as well as Chinese culture and arts to provide students with an understanding of Chinese language, traditions, and society; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Pittsburgh Chinese School provides internship opportunities for University of Pittsburgh graduate level students specializing in foreign language education in the School of Education to help prepare them for teaching certification in the United States; and,

**WHEREAS,** over its 40-year history, the Pittsburgh Chinese School has been an active participant in community events such as the Pittsburgh Bicentennial Celebration, the Lunar New Year Parade in Squirrel Hill, the Pittsburgh Chinese Cultural Festival, and the Dragon Boat Festival; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Pittsburgh Chinese School embodies the City of Pittsburgh's mission of building a more inclusive and welcoming city for all and attracting and retaining immigrants; and,

**NOW, THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the valuable contributions of the Pittsburgh Chinese School over its 40-year history and does hereby celebrate its commitment to advancing the City's drive for diversity and inclusion; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 21, 2017 to be "**Pittsburgh Chinese School 40**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.