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**WHEREAS**, throughout its history, Pittsburgh has hosted a vibrant, diverse, and innovative music scene that provides the City with great shows and venues, attracts more and more people to the City, and enhances its reputation as a lively place to make your home; and,

**WHEREAS, Pittonkatonk**, founded by Rich Randall and “pandemic” Pete Spynda, a community empowerment program and festival of brass and street music, offers listeners of all ages and all backgrounds the opportunity to be a part of Pittsburgh’s proud musical and cultural traditions, highlighting the importance of the arts and music in our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, for the fourth year in a row, **the May Day Brass BBQ**, with the help of Stephanie Brea and Stephan Koledin, brings high-energy brass bands from far and wide, from Oakland, California and Chicago, to Pittsburgh’s Polish Hill, drawing community collaborators from across the City including 1Hood Media, Pearl Arts, OnePA, Steeltown Film Academy and Artists Imaging Resource, to Schenley Park for an entire day of music, food, drink, sharing, and family fun; and,

**WHEREAS, Pittonkatonk** has established multiple educational outreach programs partnering with Ryan Art Center, StoRox High School, Hill District’s Pittsburgh Millions, Timbeleza, Afro Yaqui Music Collective and other traveling bands who teach young performers about the contributions and positive roles musicians play in their communities; and,

**WHEREAS, Pittonkatonk’s May Day Brass BBQ** will take place at various venues around the city on Friday, May 5 and Saturday May 6, 2017, going all-day at the Vietnam Veteran’s Pavilion in Schenley Park. There will be no admission charge but monetary and/or pot-luck style food donations are definitely encouraged; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize **Pittonkatonk’s** contribution to Pittsburgh’s vibrant arts scene and commends its commitment to artistic, social, and musical education; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, May 6, 2017, to be **“PITTONKATONK DAY”** in the City of Pittsburgh.