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**WHEREAS**, founded in 1917, the Hadassah-Pittsburgh is a North American Zionist Jewish Women's organization dedicated to the service of Jewish education and programs in America and Israel, including medical facilities, youth rescue, career training, and land development; and,

**WHEREAS**, the organization was instrumental in constructing the Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital in Israel and developing the Hadassah Medical Organization, which continues to establish medical training programs, research laboratories, and other healthcare facilities through Israel; and,

**WHEREAS**, since its founding 100 years ago, the organization has grown to over 24 local groups with a combined membership of 4,200 people; and,

**WHEREAS**, with a tag line of "the Power of Women Who Do," Hadassah-Pittsburgh work includes volunteerism, public health and medicine, advocacy, and collaboration with other organizations such as the Susan G. Komen For the Cure Foundation and UPMC Magee-Women's Hospital; and,

**WHEREAS**, to celebrate its century of work in the Pittsburgh region and beyond, Hadassah-Pittsburgh is honoring four outstanding individuals with the Myrtle Wreath Award for their dedication to community, workforce development, healthcare, and philanthropy. The award winners are Nancy D. Zions, Dr. Yoel Sadovsky, Bill Strickland, and Cynthia D. Shapira; and,

**WHEREAS**, Nancy D. Zions, MBA serves as the Chief Operating and Program Officer for the Jewish Healthcare Foundation where she is responsible for the grant agenda for the foundation. Ms. Zions led the planning and development of the *Squirrel Hill Health Center*, a federally qualified health center and has worked on several publications on the topic of aging and senior care; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Yoel Sadovsky is the Executive Director of Magee-Women's Research Institute, Elsie Hillman Chair of Women's Health Research, Distinguished Professor of OBGYN, Microbiology, and Molecular Genetics, and Associate Dean of Women's Health Research and Reproductive Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Sadovsky has earned numerous awards for his groundbreaking research on reproductive health which has led to 150 articles and 20 chapters in various health publications; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bill Strickland is the President and CEO of Manchester Bidwell Corporation, Bidwell Training Center, Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, and the National Center for Arts and Technology, all of which have been recognized as national models for workforce development. Mr. Strickland has traveled the world to speak on the importance of community training programs for jobs in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, arts education, and community development, is a guest lecturer for numerous universities, and serves as a board member for local

organizations. He has served on the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts, and President Obama's White House Council for Community Solutions; and,

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia D. Shapira is President of the David S. and Karen A. Shapira Foundation and a Jewish and secular community activist. Through her work as Chair of the Greater Pittsburgh Jewish Federation, Ms. Shapira developed *Onward Israel*, an organization that sends over 2,000 college-age students to Israel for internships and service projects. In addition, Ms. Shapira helped to launch the *Allegheny 365* and *21 & Able* initiatives to ensure access for individuals with varying abilities. She also serves on the boards of numerous local authorities and organizations; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate the Myrtle Wreath Award winners for their service to the Pittsburgh community and groundbreaking professional work and celebrate Hadassah-Pittsburgh for its 100 years of commitment to social justice causes and philanthropy; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> to be "**Hadassah-Pittsburgh 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day and 2017 Myrtle Wreath Award Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.