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WHEREAS, Women In Bio (WIB) is an organization for professionals committed to promoting careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship for women in the life sciences. Members belong to biotech and pharma companies, universities and institutes, law and accounting firms, marketing and public relations firms, CRO's and CMO's; and,

WHEREAS, Women In Bio is led by more than 150 volunteers and has more than 2,000 members who attend yearly events and contribute to the organization's ideas, activities, and donations. Over the past 10 years **WIB** has expanded to 13 chapters nationwide and has become a community representing one of the fastest growing and most influential organizations for women in life sciences; and,

WHEREAS, in 2012, a local chapter of **Women In Bio** was launched by five Pittsburgh entrepreneurs and academics who realized that the life sciences sector, and the minority demographic of women who work in that sector, lacked an appropriate forum to nurture and encourage one another. **WIB-Pittsburgh** is committed to increasing the impact of local women on the growth of the region by supporting their careers and professional development; and,

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh chapter of **Women In Bio** will hold their fourth annual P.O.W.E.R. (Pittsburgh's Outstanding Women Entrepreneurs Rally) event on September 26, 2017, which will showcase an emerging trend in healthcare - precision medicine. P.O.W.E.R. 4 Precision Medicine will highlight six successful Pittsburgh scientists and sector leaders will highlight the startling discoveries that fuel the engine of precision medicine, covering clinical perspectives as well as impact on patients, health care, and health insurance in Pittsburgh and across the globe; and,

WHEREAS, the **Women In Bio-Pittsburgh** P.O.W.E.R. Award recognizes life sciences women in transformative roles. Recipients of this honor have made significant contributions within the Pittsburgh region, achieved the highest level of professional excellence in life sciences, and are committed to promoting careers, leadership, and entrepreneurship for women in the life sciences; and,

WHEREAS, on the evening of September 26, the 2017 P.O.W.E.R. Award will be presented to **Alethea Wieland**, managing director and president of the U.S. office and North American operations of SCOPE International. **Ms. Wieland** embodies the spirit of P.O.W.E.R and **WIB-Pittsburgh's** mission. **Alethea Wieland** has supported the evolution of life sciences in our region throughout her career. She previously held regulatory and clinical leadership positions in the Pittsburgh area, including the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (NSABP Foundation Inc.), Helomics (formerly Precision Therapeutics, Inc.), and ALung Technologies, Inc. **Ms. Wieland** was instrumental in SCOPE International's decision to base its North American operations in Pittsburgh. SCOPE is the first global, full-service contract research organization (CRO), an organization that provides support to the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device

industries in the form of research services outsourced on a contract basis, that has selected Pittsburgh to house offices; and,

WHEREAS, Women In Bio-Pittsburgh is committed to promoting careers, leadership opportunities, and entrepreneurship for women in our region, and as an active **WIB** member **Alethea Wieland** supports this mission passionately. She inspires future generations of women leaders by generously sponsoring the **WIB-Pittsburgh** Mentors, Advisors, and Peers chapter (MAPs), providing one-on-one mentoring for 10 emerging life sciences professionals and academics in just 1.5 years. **Alethea Wieland** encourages all women to exceed societal expectations and she continually advocates the advancement of women in our region. Through SCOPE, Alethea offers a series of free workshops to the Pittsburgh community to help professionals navigate their STEM careers. We applaud all she is doing for the **WIB** organization, our community, and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor **Alethea Wieland** for her contributions to the scientific community, as well as contributions to the scientific community, and of women in Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 to be “**Women In Bio Day of P.O.W.E.R.**” in the City of Pittsburgh.