



## Text File

**Introduced:** 10/3/2017

**Bill No:** 2017-1960, **Version:** 1

**Committee:** City Council

**Status:** Adopted

**WHEREAS**, **Amnesty International**, founded in London in 1961, is a Nobel Prize- winning grassroots activist organization that undertakes research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination, within the context of its work to promote all human rights; and,

**WHEREAS**, **Amnesty International USA Local Group 39** has been active in the Pittsburgh Region since 1976 and supports the international mission by standing up for humanity and human rights, protecting people wherever justice, freedom, truth and dignity are denied through letter writing, advocacy, demonstrations, speaking engagements and the Write-a-Thon; and,

**WHEREAS**, each year, hundreds of thousands of people across the world mark International Human Rights Day by taking part in Amnesty International's Global Write-a-Thon, writing letters to demand that the rights of individuals are respected, protected and fulfilled; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year, **Amnesty International Local Pittsburgh Group 39** is sponsoring an Amnesty Lobbying Workshop and the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Write-A-Thon at Calvary Episcopal Church on October 4, 2017, which asks for the release of prisoners of conscience; and,

**WHEREAS**, while letter writing will still be the main focus of the event, the Workshop will emphasize a variety of human rights cases, inviting related groups to join with their literature, posters and presentations; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Amnesty International Pittsburgh Local Group 39** for its remarkable work to promote human rights and supports the Amnesty Lobbying Workshop; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Wednesday, October 4, 2017, to be "**Amnesty International Pittsburgh Lobbying Workshop Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.