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WHEREAS, the **Pennsylvania Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** is a not-for-profit association that brings together parents, educators, students, and other citizens active in their schools and communities, and leverages their dedication and passion into advocacy for children and education; and

WHEREAS, with a mission to ensure that quality education is provided, the **Pennsylvania PTA** strives to promote the collaborative efforts of educators and families who tirelessly work for the health and welfare of children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the **Pennsylvania PTA** is the prime means by which its members communicate with local, state, and national policymakers, giving members the opportunity to bring resources from all levels of government to their communities; and

WHEREAS, for more than 25 years, **Bonita Allen** has been a steadfast and fervent advocate for education. A graduate of Harvard University and the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, **Bonita** has extensive experience working with teachers, school administrators, students, and families to ensure the greatest possible outcomes in education; and

WHEREAS, **Bonita** has served on the Pennsylvania Governor's Institute for Parental Involvement Policy and Planning Committee, the Arts Education Collaborative's Advocacy and Standards Committee, and the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education's Education Collaborative initiative; and

WHEREAS, she also chaired the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Title I State Parent Advisory Council, and is a member of the Department's Division of Federal Programs Committee of Practitioners, the Office of Child Development Early Learning K-2 Partnership Standards Revision Committee, and the Family Engagement Conference Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, locally, **Bonita** has been an invaluable member of the Mayor of Pittsburgh's Commission on Public Education, the Pittsburgh Council on Public Education, A+ Schools, the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and its Parents' Advisory Committee, and the Education Policy and Leadership Center; and

WHEREAS, **Bonita** has served the PTA in both Pittsburgh and the state of Pennsylvania at large since 2009. Making her way from Pittsburgh CAPA PTA Vice-President, President, and Reflections Chair to the Vice-President and Director of Pennsylvania's PTA Region 3, Bonita Allen is the 2017 Pennsylvania PTA President-Elect. She will assume the Presidency on **Sunday, October 22, 2017**; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend

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Bonita Allen on her election to **Pennsylvania PTA President** and recognizes her unwavering commitment to quality education for all children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare **Sunday, October 22, 2017**, to be “**Bonita Allen Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.