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WHEREAS, on April 9, 1881, a “United Supreme Council” was formed becoming the mother Orient of the “Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, North America”. On April 29, 1881, the first Consistory in Pennsylvania, Emanuel No.1, was formed. The name was later changed to DeMolay Consistory No.1; and,

WHEREAS, on May 11, 1894, a Consistory was established in Pittsburgh which was named St. Cyprian Consistory No.4, in honor of the Bishop Thrasius Cyprian, one of the Black Fathers of the Catholic Church who in 258 was beheaded by the Romans for promoting Christianity; and,

WHEREAS, St. Cyprian Consistory No. 4 has been the Consistory of Lemuel C. Goggin who was elected to the City of Pittsburgh Council as the first African American, and Dr. Martin R. Delany who was an accomplished writer, scientist and physician, and who founded Pittsburgh’s first African American newspaper and was one of the first African Americans to be admitted to Harvard Medical School; and,

WHEREAS, St. Cyprian Consistory No. 4 having been the Scottish Rite home of fifteen past Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Masters, namely Lemuel C. Goggin, John C. Morton, James R. Williams, Samuel A. Jennings, Thomas D. Lowe, Joseph W. Givens, George H. Gould, George W. Gaines, William R. Webster, John A. Hilton, Stonewall J. Lett, Harold S. Banner, George M. Calloway, Lawrence E. Harris and Dr. Murphy J. Keller III; and,

WHEREAS, a member of St. Cyprian Consistory No.4, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, George M. Calloway is the Illustrious Deputy for the Orient of Pennsylvania, the Illustrious Commander-in Chief, Marshal S. Johnson ascended to the office of Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Order Nobles Mystic Shrine, and Sovereign Grand Inspector General Stonewall J. Lett also served as the Illustrious Commander-in-Chief, and also held the title as the Illustrious Deputy for the Orient of Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, St. Cyprian Consistory No.4 in conjunction with Pittsburgh Assembly No.6 will host the 136th Annual Convocation of the Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation and the 46th Annual Convocation for the Pennsylvania State Grand Assembly which will take place Friday November 10-12, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, further recognizing the civic, social and humanitarian efforts of St. Cyprian Consistory No. 4 and Pittsburgh Assembly No.6 and salutes each of them for their combination of Community Service and Educational Programs that they have brought to serve the people of the City of Pittsburgh; and,

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, November 10, 2017, to be “**St. Cyprian Consistory No. 4 & Pittsburgh Assembly No. 6 Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.