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WHEREAS, Ruthann Omer has been a hard-working and dedicated civil engineer who has dutifully served municipalities throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania since she was offered a job to work at Gateway Engineers Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Ruthann has always been a hard-worker, as before the long-hours that she dedicates to Southwestern Pennsylvania as a municipal engineer now, Ruthann forged her way into the male-dominated field of engineering as a student at the University of Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Ruthann started at Gateway Engineers in 1983, became the president of Gateway Engineers in 1992, and over her tenure has amassed responsibility for the managing of engineering activities in 13 Southwestern Pennsylvania municipalities; and

WHEREAS, as president of Gateway Engineers, Ruthann sits on the board of a plethora of Southwestern Pennsylvania groups that pertain to her work as a municipal engineer for the region including Economic Development South, Local Government Academy, Pennsylvania Economy League of Greater Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Plumbing Advisory Board, and the Hilltop Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Ruthann has always recognized that being a successful municipal engineer entails a great degree of community involvement, as she has continually been involved in communities throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania, and the City of Pittsburgh will always appreciate the infinite care, attention, and patience she has embodied while working to beautify and improve the Route 51 corridor; and

WHEREAS, while we hope to see Saw Mill Run Boulevard achieve its highest and best potential in our collective lifetimes, we know that through all of her work with Gateway Engineers and related community activities, Ruthann has always searched for ways to solve the problems the Southwestern Pennsylvania region with both precision and compassion; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her engineering and community work, Ruthann has served as a mentor and role model to women across industries, through her kind and giving spirit and through her sponsorship of the Gateway Engineers annual women's luncheon, where she has encouraged, but also embodied the idea of not only climbing mountains, but moving them too; and

WHEREAS, 2017 marks final year of Ruthann's 34 year career as a dedicated municipal engineer serving Southwestern PA, as she will be retiring at the end of the year.

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

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the inimitable contributions Ruthann Omer has made to the Southwestern Pennsylvania region as a municipal engineer and outstanding community leader and congratulates Ruthann on her retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council hereby declares Tuesday, December 5, 2017, “Ruthann Omer Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.