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WHEREAS, born March 6, 1928, **Andrew Kichi**, a life-long resident of Pittsburgh's Greenfield neighborhood, valiantly served his country in the United States Armed Services; and

WHEREAS, both of **Andrew's** parents emigrated from then-Czechoslovakia, coming to the United States and settling in the Four Mile Run section of Greenfield before later moving to Greenfield's Yoder Street. Growing up, **Andrew** attended the Greenfield School; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, **Andrew** was drafted into the United States Marine Corps' Reserves, his service beginning January 7, 1946, and lasting until November 10, 1947. During that time, he served in the Pacific Ocean area, participating in the United States occupation of China; and,

WHEREAS, in 1950, **Andrew** - again as a marine - served in the Korean War. His service there lasted from October 15, 1950, until December 24, 1950, and during that time, he earned the rank of corporal; and

WHEREAS, **Andrew** was part of the United States Armed Forces and United Nations troops' efforts during the Chosin Reservoir Campaign, a major battle in the Korean War in which the Marines Corps played a pivotal role; and

WHEREAS, in the line of duty, **Andrew** was shot and wounded on December 6, 1950. He was evacuated to Japan and operated on in a mobile army surgical hospital (MASH). Once stable, he was transported back home to Pittsburgh. He earned an honorable discharge from the United States Marine Corps on May 21, 1951; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to Pittsburgh, **Andrew** met Alice McIntire, with whom he would fall in love, get married, and start a family. Together, they had six children: four boys and two girls. **Andrew** earned a sterling reputation as a committed, kind-hearted community member and family man; and

WHEREAS, in advance of his 90th birthday, **Andrew** will be presented with a **Purple Heart**, a military award given to service members who were wounded or killed in service of their country. Surrounded by family and friends, **Andrew's** selfless dedication to his country in times of war will be properly recognized and commemorated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize **Andrew Kichi's** service to our great country as part of the United States Armed Forces, acknowledge the tremendous debt of gratitude that he is owed for his service, and celebrates his receipt of a **Purple Heart**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, February 24, 2018, to be "**Andrew Kichi Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.