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WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Film Office is a non-profit organization that promotes the City of Pittsburgh and the greater southwestern Pennsylvania region as an excellent location for movie, television and commercial production; and,

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1990, the Pittsburgh Film Office has assisted with 141 feature films and television productions filmed in southwestern Pennsylvania, that generated an economic impact of more than \$1.2 billion for the region; and,

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Pittsburgh Film Office played an important role in supporting the Pennsylvania Film Tax Credit, a program that allows a 25% tax credit to production that spend at least 60% of the production budget in the Commonwealth; and,

WHEREAS, in 2017, one feature film and four television series were filmed in the city/region, adding more than \$188 million into the regional economy and;

WHEREAS, the 18th Annual Academy Awards benefit, "**Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Presents Lights! Glamour! Action!**" will be held on March 4th, 2018 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, to celebrate another outstanding year of the film industry in our region and support the mission of the Pittsburgh Film Office; and,

WHEREAS, the 2018 Academy Award Gala has already surpassed all previous events in net funds for the organization in its history; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the important work of the Pittsburgh Film Office, and declare Sunday, March 4th, 2018, to be **"Pittsburgh Film Office Day"** in the City of Pittsburgh.