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WHEREAS, born in the Hill District in 1955 to Janet and Dock Fielder, Jacque Fielder grew up in Larimer with three brothers and two sisters. She attended Larimer Elementary and George Westinghouse High schools, where she began her leadership and activism early as grade school Safety Patrol captain and homeroom president and then high school Student Council president. At age 16, she formed the Greater Pittsburgh Youth Organization with the mission of reducing youth violence through mentoring and positive role modeling and later became state president of the Armor Bearer Young People's Union. In 2004, she succeeded her father as the Democratic ward chair and a judge of elections, positions she has held except for a two-year leave in 2011 ; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Fielder studied business management at Community College of Allegheny County and received certification for program planning and management. She earned a bachelor's degree in theology and master's degree in Christian counseling from Andersonville Theological Seminary in Camilla, Ga., and was ordained as a non-denominational pastor in 1995. She previously worked as an overseas operator for AT&T and as a case manager for the Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh's Self-Sufficiency Program; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Fielder served as chair of Pittsburgh's 12th Ward Democratic Committee and is senior pastor emeritus and executive director of Nabhi Christian Ministries Inc., a nonprofit organization in Lincoln/Lemington dedicated to enhancing impoverished communities by reducing havoc and creating healthy environments that mentor, train and develop quality citizens of all ages; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Fielder has helped many young people and families to positively transform their lives. She advocates for safe pathways and the healthy development of children victimized by or exposed to drugs, violence and other harsh environments; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Fielder is a mother of three daughters - Tracee, 41, a family nurse practitioner student; Rainee, 39, a deputy sheriff; and Leah, 36, an entrepreneur. She is the president of Professional Resolutions & Outreach Organization for Females (PROOF) and an active member of the National Christian Counselors Association (NCCA) of Sarasota Academy, LWV, NAACP; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Ms. Fielder for a life's work of service and civic contribution to the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, March 20, 2018, to be "Jacque Fielder Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.