



## Text File

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**WHEREAS, George “Mr. Entertainment” Martin** was born in Millvale on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1928, into a family with six brothers and sisters. **George** has been a longtime resident of and small-business owner in Pittsburgh’s Northside, where he has also spent 67 years of his life as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and,

**WHEREAS, George** has always been involved in entertainment, from music to theatre. During his service in the U.S. Army, **George** “wielded a trumpet instead of weapons,” and has always been an avid showman; and,

**WHEREAS, George** spent two years at Carnegie Tech, and upon his graduation, he worked as an independent interior designer. His adoration for fashion later led him to the men’s furnishings department at Kaufmann’s in Downtown Pittsburgh; and,

**WHEREAS, George** left his job at Kaufmann’s when he realized his passion for owning bars where he could entertain his patrons as both a host and an emcee. **George** retired with success in three bars he owned throughout his lifetime, but he continued to bartend at the Elks lodge, where he has volunteered as a bartender since the 1960s; and,

**WHEREAS, George** is currently the Chaplain of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He spent four decades as entertainment chairman, booking concerts and shows for customers, adding further reason for his nickname, “**Mr. Entertainment**”; and,

**WHEREAS, on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, George** celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party at the Allegheny Elks Lodge No. 339 on Cedar Avenue on the Northside. **George’s** goal during the celebration was to serve 90 drinks: one for each year of **George’s** life thus far. At the end of **George’s** 6-11 pm shift, he had accomplished his goal; and,

**WHEREAS, George’s** new birthday tradition will be to bartend at Allegheny Elks Lodge No. 339 every year, serving as many drinks as the number of years he has lived, as long as he is up to the task; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend **George Martin** for his many years of dedication to the entertainment and happiness of his customers. The Council of the City of Pittsburgh looks forward to future celebrations of **George “Mr. Entertainment” Martin’s** birthdays, and wishes him many more years of happiness doing what he loves to do; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to be “**George ‘Mr. Entertainment’ Martin Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.