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WHEREAS, The Congress of Neighboring Communities (**CONNECT**) brings together the City of Pittsburgh and surrounding municipalities to identify common public policy challenges and advocate for collective change on behalf of Allegheny County's urban core; and,

WHEREAS, established in 2009, **CONNECT** convenes the leaders of 40 local governments to identify common issues and work collaboratively to determine solutions. Issues include the political climate, current events, desires and interests of the membership and capacity with current policy issues including water and sewer management and regionalization, emergency medical service provision and funding, transportation, energy efficiency, blight and abandonment, infrastructure repair and coordination and health and wellness; and,

WHEREAS, in 2016, 2017 and 2018, **CONNECT** has continued to make great strides towards regional policy change on a variety of common issues for the benefit of our region's urban core; and,

WHEREAS, the organization will host its ninth annual **CONNECT Legislative Session and Reception** where they will share updates of **CONNECT**'s policy work related to coordination between municipalities and utility companies, emergency medical services, the opioid epidemic and identifying priorities for the coming year; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the **Congress of Neighboring Communities** for its commitment to promoting inter-municipal cooperation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Thursday, April 19, 2018, to be "**CONNECT DAY**" in the City of Pittsburgh.