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WHEREAS, The Sprout Fund is a non-profit incubator and innovation fund that ran programming and supported community based organizations working to increase civic engagement and make Pittsburgh a better place to live, work and raise a family; and,

WHEREAS, The Sprout Fund was an important force for change in Pittsburgh, powering the grassroots response to many pressing regional issues, improving Pittsburgh by inspiring and nurturing people with innovative, grassroots ideas to positively impact their communities and by being a catalyst for civic change; and,

WHEREAS, The Sprout Fund jumpstarted organizations and tested new ideas, investing more than \$7M in 1,100+ people, projects and ideas. In addition, The Sprout Fund inspired regional and national foundations to provide seed funding mechanisms and networks of support for tomorrow's great ideas; and,

WHEREAS, since a cultural shift has taken root and the community is stronger and more resilient, The Sprout Fund has decided to sunset its operations in 2018 after 17 successful years. As a final legacy, they will be documenting best practices, sharing their enduring values and giving the rest of their money away; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate **Cathy Lewis, Matt Hannigan and The Sprout Fund** for a remarkable 17 year operation in which they lifted Pittsburgh from a city synonymous with the aging Rust Belt to a thriving city that is a nationally known hotbed of innovators and who spearheaded partnerships with regional and national foundations to help power the grassroots response to a wide range of social, environmental and economic challenges; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, June 19, 2018, to be **"THE SPROUT FUND DAY"** in the City of Pittsburgh.