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**WHEREAS**, Thaddeus “Ted” Massalski, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Materials Science, Engineering and Physics at Carnegie Mellon University, has been named Outstanding Polonian of the year by the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation, a cultural and educational organization; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Massalski was born into a Noble family in Warsaw where he was largely home schooled and began to study English at the age of 6. At the age of 16, after World War II broke out and Hitler’s army began invading Poland, Ted escaped Poland; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ted made his way across a mine field and into Switzerland at the age of seventeen, and made his way to the Polish Embassy, representing the exiled Polish Government in London. Once there, his father encouraged him to join the army and in southern Italy he became a signals trained soldier in General Montgomery’s Eighth Army; and,

**WHEREAS**, following the war, Ted studied in Torino for a year and at age 21, he was admitted to the Imperial College in London where he studied electrical engineering and theoretical metallurgy and continued his studies at the University of Birmingham U.K., where he not only received his doctorate degree but met his wife, Sheila Harris; and,

**WHEREAS**, after receiving an offer to work at the University of Chicago in the United States, he moved his family, including daughter Rennie and son Peter, to Chicago. After staying two years, he took a senior position with Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh; and,

**WHEREAS**, Professor Massalski is known and recognized internationally for his scientific discoveries and fundamental, theoretical work in the field of material science which has led to significant practical solutions and applications to the present day in the metals’ industry and he has received numerous prestigious awards including The Commander’s Grand Cross of the Polish Republic from Bronislaw Komorowski, President of the Republic of Poland; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate Professor Thaddeus Massalski for being named Polonian of the Year and commend him for his work in the field of science; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, October 6, 2018, to be “**Dr. Thaddeus Massalski Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.