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WHEREAS, St. Paul Baptist Church was established in 1901, where it had its beginning in a storefront in the Lawrenceville area of Pittsburgh. Rev. W.E. Moore (The Founder), the church's first pastor, served from 1901-1912; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Raleigh H. Thompson (The Evangelist) succeeded Rev. Moore as pastor of St. Paul, a role in which he served until his death in 1951. Under his leadership the church continued to grow, and the congregation relocated to Garfield. In 1953, Rev. George W. Coles (The Builder) became the third pastor of St. Paul in until his retirement in 1973; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. James E. Simms (The Visionary) accepted the call to become the fourth pastor of St. Paul, where he served until his retirement in 2014. Rev. Simms was the visionary who led St. Paul Baptist Church into the new church building on the corner of 5th and Penn Ave in July of 1997. St. Paul is now located on one of the busiest corners in the entire city of Pittsburgh and it is recognized as a Historical Landmark; and,

WHEREAS, on Sunday February 21st, 2016 the church held a special meeting to vote on who would become their new pastor after the retirement of the Rev. Dr. James E. Simms. After a powerful sermon was delivered by Rev. Marco A. Tinor, the church convened and voted for Rev. Tinor to be their pastor. Rev. Marco A. Tinor was installed as the 5th pastor in the history of the St. Paul Baptist Church on June 12th 2016; and,

WHEREAS, St. Paul Baptist Church has a vibrant congregation, with members residing in over twenty Pittsburgh neighborhoods. Church membership ranges from three months to one hundred and five years of age. Over forty percent of members are active in at least one church ministry; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend St. Paul Baptist Church for 117 years worship, ministry, and service; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, November 4, 2018, to be "**St. Paul Baptist Church Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.