

## City of Pittsburgh

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**WHEREAS**, the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward Youth Baseball Association (YBA) is a parent led, volunteer organization that has been a vital part of the Pittsburgh community for decades, working to promote the love of the game to boys and girls across the City of Pittsburgh; and,

*WHEREAS*, in an unprecedented opportunity, the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward Youth Baseball Association players, their families and coaches have been invited by Cuba's Ministry of Sport to travel to Cuba on December 19 -23, 2018 for a unique cross- cultural baseball exchange. Through the connection with Pittsburgh's Sister City, Matanzas, the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward YBA players will spend four days of camaraderie and baseball with a local Cuban little league; and,

WHEREAS, the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward YBA, made up of 10 -12 year olds and coaches, will visit Havana as well as Matanzas and will play in at least 3 baseball games and participate in cultural and social activities. Representing Pittsburgh and the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward Youth Baseball Association will be Cole Cohen, Julien Cohen, Benjamin Kogen, Elliot Morris, Lucas Picher, Zach Shook, Maya Shook and Coach Jeff Shook; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the players, coaches and families of the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward Youth Baseball Association on this exciting and important trip to Cuba to represent Pittsburgh and promote sportsmanship and the love of baseball; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare December 19-23, 2018, to be "14th WARD YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION DAYS" in the City of Pittsburgh.