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WHEREAS, **Amnesty International**, founded in London in 1961, is a Nobel Prize- winning grassroots activist organization that undertakes research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination , within the context of its work to promote all human rights; and,

WHEREAS, **Amnesty International USA Local Group 39** has been active in the Pittsburgh Region since 1976 and supports the international mission by standing up for humanity and human rights, protecting people wherever justice, freedom, truth and dignity are denied through letter writing, advocacy, demonstrations, speaking engagements and the Write-a-Thon; and,

WHEREAS, each year, hundreds of thousands of people across the world mark International Human Rights Day by taking part in Amnesty International’s Global Write For Rights, writing letters to demand that the rights of individuals are respected, protected and fulfilled; and,

WHEREAS, this year, **Amnesty International Local Pittsburgh Group 39** is sponsoring Annual Human Rights Festival and the 33rd Annual Write For Rights at Calvary Episcopal Church on December 12, 2018, which asks for the release of prisoners of conscience; and,

WHEREAS, while letter writing will still be the main focus of the event, the Festival will emphasize the 70th Anniversary of the United Nation’s adoption of the “Declaration of Human Rights”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Amnesty International Pittsburgh Local Group 39** for its remarkable work to promote human rights and the “Declaration of Human Rights”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare December 10, 2018, to be “**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA LOCAL GROUP 39 DAY**” in the City of Pittsburgh.