

City of Pittsburgh

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WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Film Office is a non-profit organization that promotes the City of Pittsburgh and the greater southwestern Pennsylvania region as an excellent location for movie, television and commercial production; and,

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1990, the Pittsburgh Film Office has assisted with 179 feature films and television productions filmed in southwestern Pennsylvania, that generated an economic impact of more than \$1.5 billion for the region; and,

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Pittsburgh Film Office played an important role in supporting the Pennsylvania Film Tax Credit, a program that allows a 25% tax credit to production that spend at least 60% of the production budget in the Commonwealth; and,

WHEREAS, in 2018, two feature films and two television series were filmed in the city/region, adding more than \$130 million into the regional economy and;

WHEREAS, the 19th annual Academy Awards[®] benefit, "Netflix Lights! Glamour! Action! Sponsored By Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield" will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, 2019 at The Pennsylvanian, to celebrate another outstanding year of the film industry in our region and support the mission of the Pittsburgh Film Office; and,

WHEREAS, the 2019 Academy Award Gala has already surpassed all previous events in net funds for the organization in its history; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the important work of the Pittsburgh Film Office, and declare Saturday, February 23rd, 2019, to be Pittsburgh Film Office Day in the City of Pittsburgh.