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WHEREAS, Women of Color HERStory Month® is a multi-city celebration of the power, legacy, and achievements of women of color that has been held annually since 2008 from February 15 to March 15 between Black History and Women's History Months; and,

WHEREAS, Voices for Reproductive Justice, which includes New Voices Pittsburgh, New Voices Cleveland and New Voices Philadelphia, hosts and organizes Women of Color HERStory Month® each year; and,

WHEREAS, New Voices launched the Social Justice Rapid Response Fund in partnership with The Pittsburgh Foundation on February 25 and will host New Voices Day of Service as well as the 15th Anniversary Dinner on March 16; and,

WHEREAS, New Voices celebrates the significant social, political and cultural contributions of women and femmes of color in the Greater Pittsburgh Region, across the country and around the world; and,

WHEREAS, New Voices is building a social change movement dedicated to the health and well-being of Black women and girls through leadership development, Human Rights and Reproductive Justice; and,

WHEREAS, New Voices is the only Human Rights and Reproductive Justice organization for women of color, led by women of color, and about women of color in Pittsburgh and is deeply committed to improving the health, well-being and quality of life for Black women, femmes and girls, women of color and LGBTQ+ people of color; and,

WHEREAS, New Voices for Reproductive Justice will celebrate its 15th Anniversary with years of organizing and serving over 125,000 Black women and women of color in Pennsylvania and Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, Women of Color HERStory Month® celebrates the lives and stories of women of color often untold and forgotten;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February 15 to March 15 to be "**Women of Color HERStory Month®**" in the City of Pittsburgh.