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WHEREAS, opened in 1988, **Josza Corner** in Hazelwood is a Hungarian restaurant that serves more as a resource for the over 100-year-old Hungarian community of Pittsburgh, providing a space to enjoy and preserve Hungarian music, dance and language as well as provide outstanding Hungarian food; and,

WHEREAS, owned and run for the last 30 years by **Alexander Bodner**, **Josza Corner** is eclectic and unusual with no menu, a main dining room called his "Hungarian Living Room," accessed through a narrow hallway, filled with two long tables, an upright piano and a cluttered collection of photos, paintings and knick-knacks; and,

WHEREAS, **Alex Bodner** and **Josza Corner** are synonymous as he is a spellbinding raconteur whose presence is a vital part of the meal. When Alex is not cooking, he is sitting with guests to tell them of his personal history including a dramatic escape from the Hungarian Revolution as a 14-year-old boy, joining the Resistance and escaping to England, finding his parents and coming to the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Alex is a graphic artist by trade and has been an integral part of the history and growth of Hazelwood. He was active in the Great Hazelwood Development Inc., a founding member of the Hazelwood Initiative and President of the 15th Ward Chamber of Commerce. Alex hosts the Hungarian and Central Europe Artistic and Cultural Society Dinners and is a folk dance, folk singer and a folk artist; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **Alexander Bodner** for his commitment to preserving the Hungarian culture in Pittsburgh and congratulates him for the 30th Anniversary of **Josza Corner**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Monday, July 1, 2019, to be "**JOSZA CORNER DAY**" in the City of Pittsburgh.