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WHEREAS, Sheran Zellous White is the Founder/Executive Director of the Five James Foundation, a non-profit organization which benefits widows, orphans and women in Kenya, Uganda, Mexico and the City of Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, the Five James Foundation was birthed in 2011 after a trip to Kenya, where Ms. White was introduced to 5 widows. Being a widow herself, Sheran had a special place in her heart for these women; and,

WHEREAS, in addition, Sheran lost five loved ones, all of whom carried the name James and the book of James in the Bible, which has only 5 chapters, speaks strongly about caring for widows; hence, the Five James Foundation was born; and

WHEREAS, Ms. White continued to visit Kenya the next five years since her initial visit, and in 2016, she was asked to lead a team to Guadalajara to minister to women and children in crisis and lead a children's basketball camp during Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with the Five James Foundation, Sheran is currently supporting two young girls to attend the Neighborhood Academy and she is a member of Allegheny Center Alliance Church where she is the Administrative Coordinator for an Aftercare Jail & Prison Ministry Support Group, the facilitator for the Grief Share and founded the Widow's Ministry; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. White is the author of an award winning book titled "I Am Ready To Come Right Away", a personal story about her 22 year old grandson who passed away from stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma while serving his 4-8 year prison term. She wrote the book hoping to give anyone grieving, a reason to put their faith in God; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Sheran Zellous White for her selfless work serving widows in our city and abroad; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Tuesday, September 17, 2019 to be "**Sheran Zellous White Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.