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WHEREAS, Ms. Nandi Nelson, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA), is a Hill District native, graduate of Schenley High School as part of the first class to receive the Pittsburgh Promise, and founder and Clinical Director of Social Behavior Learning Solutions; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Nelson is a member of the Association of Behavior Analysis International and the Association of Professional Behavior Analysis. She has a Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies and a Minor in Psychology from The Pennsylvania State University, as well as a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, a thoughtful trailblazer, empathetic entrepreneur, and strong advocate for individuals and families affected by autism and other intellectual disabilities, Ms. Nelson is on a mission to create awareness around autism and help parents and practitioners overcome any barriers they may face; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Nelson developed an interest in exploring incarceration and its impact on parent-child relationships, which led to a discovered interest and passion in pursuing a career working with and helping children with autism and other developmental issues; and,

WHEREAS, using her expertise to empower and educate others around the world, Ms. Nelson serves as an adjunct professor, regularly presents at conferences and events on a range of autism and behavior management related topics, and provides professional dissemination of applied behavior analysis; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Nelson is active in her community, partnering with organizations geared towards servicing adolescents, those affected by homelessness, and those in the special needs community; and,

WHEREAS, she is also an author, having written a children's book, "Jake's Adventures: A Trip to Summer Camp", which teaches young children about acceptance and understanding of their peers with Autism Spectrum Distored; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February 4, 2020 to be "**Nandi Nelson Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.