



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**WHEREAS**, in the words of Charles Dickens, “Do all the good you can and make as little fuss about it as possible”. **Glenn Cannon**, whose career in public service spanned decades, lived a life of distinguished service, honor and humility. In the words of his colleagues, “Public Safety was his life”. Mr. Cannon was the founding Director of Pittsburgh’s Emergency Medical Services and a former Director of Public Safety for the City of Pittsburgh; and,

**WHEREAS**, formerly of Highland Park, **Glenn Cannon** spent his life in the service of others. His career in emergency management and public safety began in 1975 when Mayor Pete Flaherty named him to oversee a city-wide mobile intensive care/advanced life support ambulance system. Implementing a bigger vision, he then established Pittsburgh’s first River Rescue Unit, the first specialized Rescue Units and the city’s first Hazardous Materials Response Team. As the city’s Public Safety Director from 1986 to 1992, he managed 2700 employees in Police, Fire, EMS, Building Inspection, Administration and 911 and became Pittsburgh’s Emergency Response Coordinator. Later, he became Allegheny County’s first County Manager and then Director of Pennsylvania’s Emergency Management Agency. He reached the pinnacle of his career when he was recruited by President George W. Bush to serve as Director of Disaster Operations for Homeland Security following Hurricane Katrina; and,

**WHEREAS**, **Cannon**, who passed away on January 20, 2020, at the age of 71, left behind his beloved wife, Catherine and children, Glenn Cannon, Esq. (Ashley) and Dr. Glenn M. Cannon, Jr. , 3 grandchildren, Jack, Lily and Victoria, and his sister, Nancy (Lou) Manolios. He was a long time treasured and beloved member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for which he was treasurer at the time of his passing The 2020 Pittsburgh St. Patrick’s Day Parade, to be held on March 18, 2020, will be dedicated to his memory; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the groundbreaking and visionary work of Glenn Cannon. His legacy will live on in the work of the Pittsburgh Police, Fire and EMS and in the progressive public safety policies of the State of PA and the Nation. His giving spirit and his dedication and commitment to public service will serve to inspire us all.