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WHEREAS, Ambassador Samantha Jane Power has devoted her life to advancing human rights and freedom; and

WHEREAS, her Pulitzer Prize winning book, “A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide,” helped create the doctrine of the “responsibility to protect”; and

WHEREAS, she served as the Founding Executive Director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government; and

WHEREAS, she was appointed by President Barack Obama to the National Security Council, where she served as a Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, she served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations from 2013 to 2017, where she represented the United States of America in leading the nations of the world by building coalitions to act on humanitarian issues; and

WHEREAS, while at the United Nations, she personally led the successful effort to stop the Ebola epidemic and was a powerful, tireless, and effective advocate for gender equity; and

WHEREAS, she has always searched for ways to make herself relevant to the world as it is, in order to make it more like the world that it should be; and

WHEREAS, she is the author of the 2019 memoir “The Education of an Idealist”; and

WHEREAS, she lived in Pittsburgh, when her mother emigrated from Ireland, where she learned to speak Pittsburghese as a native language and became a lifelong fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares Monday, July 20, 2020, “**Ambassador Samantha Power Day**” here in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.