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WHEREAS, the ties that bind immigrant families to Pittsburgh are part of the fabric of our city. During Immigrant Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate the many and varied contributions of immigrants who came to this country to work hard and give a better life to their children; and,

WHEREAS, many immigrants who call Pittsburgh home are working on the front lines of our fight against COVID-19-providing lifesaving care in our hospitals, teaching through distance learning, serving our most vulnerable loved ones in skilled nursing facilities, maintaining the food supply chain, and more. We recognize the essential contributions they make to protect our health and safety and keep life moving forward; and,

WHEREAS, in Pittsburgh, we understand that our strength is in our diversity. Our economy, our universities and our communities are stronger and more vibrant because of the tens of thousands of immigrants who call Pittsburgh home; and,

WHEREAS, nearly 14,000 international students study at various universities in Pittsburgh. These students not only enrich our communities but also are leading cutting edge research and support over 6,500 jobs and contribute over 450 million dollars to the US economy; and,

WHEREAS, Immigrant Heritage Month is a time to remember that nearly all of us can trace our heritage to another nation. We must never forget that we are here because our ancestors boldly chose to believe in the promise of this place; and,

WHEREAS, as a nation of immigrants, the United States has benefitted from the culture, ideas, skills, and abilities of those who have come here to work, to learn, and to find freedom and shelter; and,

WHEREAS, the City has a long history of welcoming immigrants and working to build a caring, inclusive and strong community which celebrates its diversity; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh will always stand up for our newest Americans and support those who are beginning their next chapter in America. During Immigrant Heritage Month and every month, let us continue to recognize and celebrate the immigrants of the past, present and future, as we live out the meaning of "e pluribus unum"-out of many, one; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the important contributions of immigrants and new Americans of the past, present, and future to our economy, culture, and society; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim June 2021 as

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