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WHEREAS, William Peduto began working for the City of Pittsburgh in 1995, as Chief of Staff for then Councilman Dan Cohen. He then pursued the City Council District 8 seat and was elected to serve in 2001, and was later reelected in 2005 and again in 2009; and,

WHEREAS, during his time on Council, Mr. Peduto wrote the most comprehensive package of government reform legislation and spearheaded many "green" initiatives in the City of Pittsburgh. He was also involved in over \$2 billion in redevelopment which has created hundreds of jobs, and helped transform the City's East End; and,

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2014, Bill Peduto became the 60th Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh and was sworn in to a second term on January 3, 2018. As Mayor, Mr. Peduto maintained fiscal responsibility, becoming a leader in green initiatives, enhancing communities, embracing innovative solutions, and being committed to modernizing city government and making Pittsburgh a leading 21st century city; and

WHEREAS, under Peduto's leadership, the City of Pittsburgh has formed strategic partnerships with technology leaders and others which has facilitated innovation and growth in the city, and encouraged career paths in innovation and technology for our youth; and,

WHEREAS, the Peduto Administration provided taxpayers with an efficient, effective, transparent, and a more accountable government. The city's procurement process underwent a complete overhaul and the Department of Permits, Licenses & Inspections was reorganized; and,

WHEREAS, Peduto set priorities around strengthening Pittsburgh's 90 communities, by establishing community-based development plans and establishing the Bureau of Neighborhood Empowerment to promote the city's role in housing, small business, and education. During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Mayor Peduto's administration made plans to issue more than \$12 million in new federal funds to organizations supporting residents and small businesses impacted by the pandemic; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and honor Mayor Bill Peduto for his years of public service to the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 28, 2021</u> to be "*Mayor William Peduto Day*" in the City of Pittsburgh.