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WHEREAS, Bill Urbanic grew up in Scott Township and moved to the City of Pittsburgh neighborhood of Duquesne Heights to attend Duquesne University. It is there where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Government Electronic Media and met his lovely wife Wendy of 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Urbanic got his first glimpse of government in July 1989, when after he assisted Councilwoman Michelle Madoff with her campaign, he worked in her council office. He was one of the first council aids to have a computer that he put to use working on several pieces of legislation including, but not limited to, City's noise ordinance, Aging issues, and bond regulations; and,

WHEREAS, after Michelle left office, he accepted a chief of staff position with Councilman Joe Cusick. While serving Council, he worked toward a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Carnegie Mellon University Heinz School of Public Policy and Management. In November of 1997, Bill left the City to work for Allegheny County Commissioner Mike Dawida as a Senior Administrator. In October of 1999, Bill returned to the City of Pittsburgh as a Senior Budget Analyst for City Council and worked on the city's first Act 47 Plan and legislation to eliminate the Social Security Off-set; and,

WHEREAS, in 2006, Bill became the Council Budget Director and assisted in putting together the subsequent Act 47 Plans, created the concept of the Parking Asset for the Pension, and helped codify best fiscal practices, with his colleague Michael Strelac; and,

WHEREAS, Bill enjoys working with people and educating them about how the government budget works. Besides the annual budget overview, when the city held Open Forums, he would give a budget presentation to the community. He assisted the Administration in creating transparency by implementing tools such as Fiscal Focus, which enabled constituents to view where funds are spent; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Urbanic has worked with 54 different Council Members throughout his career. Upon retirement, Bill looks forward to long walks with his dog at his favorite stop at the Washington/Guyasuta statue, and spending more time with his wife Wendy and three kids, Bill, Frank and Becky; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Mr. Urbanic for the years of service to City Council and congratulate him on his retirement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Tuesday, May 24, 2022 to be "**Bill Urbanic Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.