



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**WHEREAS**, Dr. Cyril H. Wecht was born on March, 20, 1931 in a tiny mining village in Dunkard Township, PA called Bobtown. His father was a storekeeper and his mother was a homemaker, and helped out in the store; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Wecht earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Pittsburgh in 1952, an M.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 1956, a Bachelor of Law from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1962, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Maryland School of Law.; and,

**WHEREAS**, In 1959, he served in the United States Air Force at the Air Force Hospital, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, where he became a captain in the medical corps. He became a forensic pathologist. He served on the staff of St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh before becoming Deputy Coroner of Allegheny County in 1965. Four years later he was elected coroner. Wecht served as coroner from 1970 to 1980, and again from 1996 to 2006; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Wecht became famous appearing on television and consulting on deaths with high media profile. Including, Robert F Kennedy, Elvis Presley, Kurt Cobain, and Anna Nicole Smith; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Wecht has been married to his wife Sigrid Ronsdal for 61 years, and is a father of four children, including David Wecht, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend Dr. Wecht for displaying exceptional leadership ability and professional discipline; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, November 4, 2022, to be "**Dr. Cyril H. Wecht Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.