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WHEREAS, Karen Mitchell is a Community College of Allegheny (CCAC) honors graduate with two Associate Degrees in Science: Social Work Technician and Graphic Communications; and,

WHEREAS, Karen is the founder and Executive Director of Leading Through Love, a nonprofit serving families throughout Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, where she has guided the organization's growth and advanced its mission; and,

WHEREAS, she is also the founder of KLM Consultants & Associates, a for-profit business that supports entrepreneurs in launching and expanding their ventures. In addition, she co-founded Melanin Properties, DaVillage Social Club and Event Center, DaVillage Social Club Plus, and West Side CARES, all rooted in the Sheraden community; and,

WHEREAS, her previous roles include seven years as a Social Worker and Case Manager for The Salvation Army Westside Corps, as well as serving as an Outreach Worker for Healthy Start Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, with over 25 years of experience in social services, community outreach, and nonprofit leadership, Karen currently serves as the Behavioral Health Manager for the Sto-Rox ACTES Violence Prevention Program at Focus on Renewal, where she trains staff in cognitive behavioral interventions and leads violence-prevention programming for high-risk individuals; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013, Karen earned the Pennsylvania Family Development Credential and the Credential for Strengths-Based Family Workers through Temple University. Most recently she selected as a recipient of the New Pittsburgh Courier's "2025 Women of Excellence Award;" and,

WHEREAS, her dedication as a parent, community volunteer and organizer along with her ability to build strong rapports with people of all ages and backgrounds, continues to enable her to be a beacon in the community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Karen Mitchell for her unwavering commitment to empowering families, and advancing community well-being throughout the City of Pittsburgh; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, December 2, 2025 to be "**Karen Mitchell Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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