

WHEREAS, a global network of passionate leaders and entrepreneurs are on a mission to inspire, educate, and empower individuals, teams, and communities; and,

WHEREAS, Startup Weekend is the largest community of passionate entrepreneurs, with events in more than 100 countries and 580 cities around the world; and,

WHEREAS, Startup Weekends are 54-hour events where developers, designers, marketers, product managers and startup enthusiasts come together to share ideas, form teams, build products, and launch startups; and,

WHEREAS, at Startup Weekend, anyone is welcome to pitch a startup idea and receive feedback from peers, and teams organically form around the top ideas determined by popular vote, and then it's a 54 hour frenzy of business model creation, coding, designing, and market validation; and,

WHEREAS, the weekend culminates with presentations in front of local entrepreneurial leaders with another opportunity for critical feedback; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh has hosted five Startup Weekends and one University Startup Weekend thanks to local organizers Kit Mueller, Kacey Wherley, David Cristello, and Cameron Scott; and,

WHEREAS, more than 600 designers, developers, and story tellers have participated; and,

WHEREAS, more than sixty local companies have been created during these six weekends, many of which went on to be developed through Thinktiv, Alphaslab, C-Levelled, TrueFit, Thrill Mill, Idea Foundry, Project Olympus, and more.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the entrepreneurial spirit fostered and cultivated as well as the education and cooperation gained through Startup Weekend Pittsburgh's events; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim June 3, 2014 as "Startup Weekend Pittsburgh Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsored by Councilman Dan Gilman

Co-sponsored by Council President Bruce Kraus, Councilmembers Deb Gross, Darlene M. Harris, Theresa Kail-Smith, Natalia Rudiak, Corey O'Connor, R. Daniel Lavelle, and Rev. Ricky V. Burgess

Bruce Kraus  
President of Council

Attest: Mary Beth Doheny  
Clerk of Council

In Council, June 3, 2014