

WHEREAS, Ms. Ramírez was awarded the first PEN/Fusion Emerging Writers Prize, which recognizes a promising young writer under the age of 35 for an unpublished work of nonfiction that addresses a global or multicultural issue; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Ramírez submitted her manuscript for “Dead Boys,” which has been described as “an unflinching look at the bodies of those who have died too young: nine people hanged by a drug cartel on the U.S.-Mexico Border, the washed-up casualties of Colombian strife, a young boy unable to outrun a loan shark, and even a tragic death in the author’s own family,”; and

WHEREAS, the award is accompanied by \$10,000 to assist the winner in continuing their literary endeavors and finding a publisher for their work; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Ramírez was ranked the 26<sup>th</sup> best Slam Poet in the world, currently runs the Steel City Slam Team, and serves on the Executive Committee for Poetry Slam Inc., while continuing to perform poetry on stage at venues such as the 2014 Legends of Poetry Slam Showcase and TEDxHouston; and,

WHEREAS, since 2009, Ms. Ramírez has taught creative writing, composition, and literature courses in the English department at the University of Pittsburgh, where she has taught and mentored countless undergraduate and graduate students while advancing the needs of the English Department and its faculty and promoting the University; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Ms. Adriana Ramírez for her outstanding writing and poetry that seeks to advance freedom of expression and human rights; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare **July 4, 2015** to be “Ms. Adriana Ramírez 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, May 26th, 2015**