

WHEREAS, Le Mardi Gras, located at 731 Copeland Street in Shadyside, is the oldest family owned cocktail lounge in the city of Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, Le Mardi Gras has provided the opportunity for Pittsburghers to enjoy libations in an atmosphere that provides elegance and comfort since 1954, when it was originally built on Bellefonte Street; and,

WHEREAS, since 1960, Le Mardi Gras has been owned and operated by the Costanzo family, first Joe “Papa Joe” Costanzo and Paul Harris, and now his son Rich “Richie” Costanzo and his wife Renee; and,

WHEREAS, Le Mardi Gras is the home of rich local history, serving a diverse crowd of neighborhood patrons as well as baseball greats, rock stars, actors, writers, and many others, and there was even a film, “Two Evil Eyes,” shot in the establishment; and,

WHEREAS, Le Mardi Gras also partnered with local architect Harry Levine and contractor Jim O’Connor to design their new bar on Copeland Street, which has an older feel with round wooden booths and an oldies jukebox full of classic hits; and,

WHEREAS, on June 14th in Shadyside, Le Mardi Gras will host their 60th anniversary party, celebrating their signature drink “Hurricane” cocktail and their longevity in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the historic presence of Le Mardi Gras, for entertaining and bringing together the City’s vibrant community for 60 years; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare June 14, 2014 “Le Mardi Gras 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 17, 2014