

WHEREAS, generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe have built our country's economy and created the unique character of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, immigrants continue to grow businesses, innovate, strengthen our economy, and create American jobs in Pittsburgh and in Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, immigrants have provided the United States with unique social and cultural influence, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is home to many successful companies with at least one founder who was an immigrant or child of an immigrant, including Fortune 500 companies such as U.S. Steel, Comcast, Cigna Health, and PPG Industries, which, together, employ 243,000 people and bring in \$128 billion in revenue each year; and,

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh metropolitan area had 2,370 H-1B visa requests in 2010-2011, with 72.6 percent of visa-holders working in STEM occupations, and major employers include the University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, Deloitte Consulting, and Fujitsu America Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh is home to thousands of low-wage immigrant workers that anchor our City's economy, and we acknowledge the need to strengthen low-wage immigrant workers as a vital part of our workforce, giving those immigrants the opportunity to join the middle class and fully contribute to our communities; and,

WHEREAS, immigrants have been tireless leaders not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunities, but have also campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does here by proclaim June 2014 as "Immigrant Heritage Month" 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 24, 2014