

WHEREAS, Alan Fu, Siri Ramos, and Jayon Wang came to Carnegie Mellon from three corners of the U.S. to study engineering; and,

WHEREAS, for four years on campus, these three students observed safety concerns and sexual assault cases throughout the student body and actively engaged the problem, and,

WHEREAS, partnering with local action groups, such as Pittsburgh Action Against Rape and Carnegie Mellon's Environmental Health and Safety group, fostered the creation of LifeShel, and,

WHEREAS, due to their innovative smartphone cases, and complementary mobile application, LifeShel is the first company in the world that provides sexual violence protection services at the touch of a finger, and,

WHEREAS, LifeShel plans to expand beyond their base model the "Whistl", which plays a high pitched sound projecting a whistle at 120dbs, and branch into self defense mechanisms with pepper spray; and,

WHEREAS, LifeShel is committed to keeping a manufacturing and company presence in the Pittsburgh area, as the local community has been integral in their successes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize LifeShel for their work to prevent sexual violence for residents not just in the City of Pittsburgh, but across the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim July 8, 2014 as "LifeShel 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, July 8, 2014