

WHEREAS, in 1999, a group of Pittsburgh community leaders, business owners, environmentalists and urban planners developed a master plan for Pittsburgh's most valuable asset: its rivers and their miles of shorelines. The opportunity was enormous; the solution called for an organization to be the "keeper of a dream," and their vision led to the creation of Riverlife (then known as Riverlife Task Force); and,

WHEREAS, in 2001, following a public planning process that gathered the input of thousands of Pittsburghers, Riverlife presented a plan for Three Rivers Park: a grand, urban-scale waterfront park at the confluence of the three rivers in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, Three Rivers Park is coming to life as Riverlife, and its team of experts champion the transformation of Pittsburgh's riverfronts, from the city's industrial corridor to its shared living and recreation space; and,

WHEREAS, through Riverlife's leadership, more than 80% of the 13-mile Three Rivers Park loop has been established and improved for public use. Key projects comprising the next phase of the Park are under construction, and Riverlife has a plan in place to complete the remainder of the Park over the next ten years; and,

WHEREAS, on August 28th, Riverlife will present Party at the Pier with honorary chair and Pittsburgh native Michael Keaton, who just this year won a 2015 Golden Globe and earned an Oscar nomination. His support of Riverlife's work to transform the city's riverfronts will help make Riverlife's annual fundraiser and celebration of Pittsburgh's riverfront parks a night of fun, fashion, and breathtaking views from the North Shore.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Riverlife for their ongoing successful efforts to reclaim, restore and promote Pittsburgh's riverfronts; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare August 28nd, 2015 to be "Riverlife's Party at the Pier with Michael Keaton 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 September 1, 2015