

WHEREAS, The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) in the College of General Studies at the University of Pittsburgh offers an array of courses and events for adult learners who are primarily age 50 or better. The atmosphere is intellectually challenging but without the stress of tests or grades. Osher members enjoy the opportunity to interact with outstanding faculty and fellow adult learners, but also with traditional college students; and,

WHEREAS, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Pitt was established by the Bernard Osher Foundation in 2004, and enabled Pitt to greatly broaden the scope of programming available to older adults; and,

WHEREAS, during the first term at Pitt, Osher offered 19 courses and had 121 full members and 187 associate members. Now, Osher offers more than 80 courses each term and has close to 1,300 members during the academic year; and,

WHEREAS, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute fosters learning through courses and programs that engage the learner, provide social interaction, and enrich lives. The Institute's faculty, which includes University of Pittsburgh professors and emeriti and other experts from the community, challenge participants to understand the cultural forces of today, to interact socially and intellectually with one another, and to live empowered lives; and,

WHEREAS, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute celebrates its 10th anniversary on Friday, October 2, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the commitment of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to providing the residents of Pittsburgh with an invaluable resource for the continued learning of adults; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare October 2, 2015 as, "Osher Lifelong Learning Institute 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 29, 2015