

WHEREAS, Joe Wos began his career as an energetic cartoonist in Braddock, PA and spent 17 years performing live cartoons, innovative storytelling, and providing youth education at the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mr. Wos founded ToonSeum; a cartoon, comic book, animation and cartoon arts museum in a small hallway in the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Wos sacrificed his own salary and volunteered as director of ToonSeum in order to create two positions at the museum; and,

WHEREAS, ToonSeum is now an internationally recognized, multi-exhibition museum housed in the Pittsburgh Cultural District and an innovative staple of the Pittsburgh community and Downtown development; and,

WHEREAS, each year, Mr. Wos plays a crucial role in the continued success of Pittsburgh Comicon Promotion of the Arts; and,

WHEREAS, ToonSeum hosted the two day national conference of the National Cartoonists Society in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Wos will step down as Executive Director of ToonSeum on September 30, 2014, after seven years devoted to making ToonSeum a critical and vibrant part of Pittsburgh’s downtown arts scene.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize Joe Wos for his creativity and long-time commitment to Pittsburgh’s thriving arts culture; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim September 30, 2014, as “Joe Wos 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 30, 2014