LIFE PITTSBURGH
May 9, 2013

WHEREAS, LIFE Pittsburgh is an all-inclusive program for people with health issues that interfere with their daily lives but who would otherwise be capable of living safely and independently with sufficient assistance. The Day Health Center provides primary care and community services and in-home programming to meet the individual needs of each resident; and

WHEREAS, founded in September of 1997 by CEO Joann Gago, LIFE Pittsburgh provides a healthy alternative to nursing home options. It is a much needed service which provides programs that help many seniors age live where they wish with dignity; and

WHEREAS, LIFE Pittsburgh understands that, with Americans living longer than ever, difficult decisions must be made with regard to care for aging loved ones, affordability and finding trustworthy, quality level of care; and

WHEREAS, Joann Gago founded LIFE Pittsburgh with a very precise mission: to create a health care environment that supports and promotes the individuality and independence of older adults. Her goal is to provide an environment that allows her staff to provide the necessary care for patients while minimizing the physical, emotional and financial strains placed on patient’s families; and

WHEREAS, LIFE Pittsburgh employs 250 as staff, has four Pittsburgh locations, and has served more than 1,078 aging residents to date.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Luke Ravenstahl, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, acknowledge and thank founder Joann Gago and the staff of LIFE Pittsburgh for dedication to this much needed program of caring for older adults. I do hereby declare May 9th 2013, “LIFE Pittsburgh Day” here in our most livable city of Pittsburgh.

LUKE RAVENSTHAHL
Mayor
Pittsburgh City Council

Proclamation

WHEREAS, In the fall of 1997, Joann F. Gago was hired and began development of the first Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), Long Term Care Capitated Assistance Program (LTCCAP) in Western Pennsylvania, known as LIFE Pittsburgh, Living Independence For the Elderly; and,

WHEREAS, LIFE Pittsburgh was founded as a corporation in June of 1998 and opened with the Department of Public Welfare’s approval and its first participant in February of 1999 and in February, 2003, LIFE Pittsburgh opened the North Shore Center; in February 2005, Green Tree Center opened; and in June of 2008, two additional centers opened in the Allegheny Center complex; and,

WHEREAS, LIFE Pittsburgh provides an alternative to nursing home care by arranging for older adults, who want to remain in their home and community, a full array of health and social services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year; and,

WHEREAS, because of the passion of Joann and her staff, LIFE Pittsburgh has been able to assist 1,078 seniors in Allegheny County maintain quality, dignity and autonomy in their lives and avert nursing facility placement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend LIFE Pittsburgh for the compassionate work they do to enable our seniors to preserve their independence; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, June 25, 2013, to be “LIFE Pittsburgh Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.

Passed in Council on Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

Dariene M. Harris
President of Council

Attest: Linda Johnson-Wasler
City Clerk

[Signature]

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