

2024 International Human Rights Day Proclamation
City of Pittsburgh, Office of the Mayor
Tuesday, December Tenth Two Thousand & Twenty-Four

***WHEREAS**, On 10 December 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which recognizes that human rights are rights guaranteed to everyone simply because we exist as human beings and are not granted by any state; and*

***WHEREAS**, These universal rights belong to everyone, regardless of any identity or social position, and include all of those rights that make a good life possible, including rights to food, health, education, housing, social security, dignified work, and fundamental political rights and liberties; and*

***WHEREAS**, The United Nations General Assembly passed resolution 423 (V) in 1950 inviting all States and interested organizations to adopt 10 December of each year as Human Rights Day; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh enacted a proclamation on April 19, 2011, affirming its commitment to human rights by declaring Pittsburgh a “**Human Rights City**” and designating that day as “**City Of Pittsburgh Human Rights Day**”; and*

***WHEREAS**, A Human Rights City is one whose residents and local authorities, through open, honest, and ongoing discussion and creative exchange of ideas, come to understand that the values and principles of human rights—when widely known, publicly shared, and embedded in social policy and institutions and civic culture—empower us to live well and peacefully together, to celebrate equality in difference and difference in equality, and to find ethical solutions to everyday challenges, ensuring freedom, equity, and justice for all; and*

***WHEREAS**, Pittsburgh joins other human rights cities worldwide in committing to respect, protect, and fulfill the rights of all of its residents, promote peace and justice, and secure the dignity of all of its residents.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Gainey, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, do hereby proclaim** December 10, 2024, as “**International Human Rights Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh. **The 2024 International Human Rights Day theme is Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now.** This day is an occasion to reflect on the City’s progress and renew its commitments annually. Further, I affirm the City’s **commitment to respect, protect, and fulfill human rights and to promote a culture of human rights in our City.