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**Title:** WHEREAS, in 1998 Officer Christine Luffey, an animal lover and advocate, created the beloved annual fundraiser "Biscuits Bingo" which started as a small event in St. Pamphilus church; and,

**Sponsors:** Bruce A. Kraus, All Members

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**WHEREAS**, in 1998 Officer Christine Luffey, an animal lover and advocate, created the beloved annual fundraiser "Biscuits Bingo" which started as a small event in St. Pamphilus church; and,

**WHEREAS**, the success and popularity of this event has grown exponentially over the years with last year's event raising nearly \$60,000 to help animals around the City of Pittsburgh and this year's event selling out in less than two weeks; and,

**WHEREAS**, sponsored by Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and with the assistance of Officer Luffey's right and left hands, Ann Yeager and DJ Suhoski, the 2023 event on March 25, 2023, will mark its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It will host 650 bingo players and raise much needed funds for local animal shelters and animal welfare organizations in Pittsburgh; and,

**WHEREAS**, the event is held at the IBEW Hall located on Pittsburgh's South Side, and for years the use of the space has been generously donated by Tom McIntyre, Business Manager, free of charge. The event would also like to thank AMPCO-Pittsburgh Charitable Foundation for their sizable donation; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year's event could raise as much as \$60,000 for animal assistance at Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, Animal Advocates, Animal Friends, Bow Wow Buddies Foundation, Forever Home Beagle Rescue, Homeless Cat Management Team, Humane Action Pittsburgh, Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh, Kindred Spirits Animal Rescue, Pigsburgh Squealers, Pittsburgh CAT, and Rabbit Wrangler; and,

**WHEREAS**, "Biscuits Bingo" is truly an amazing, family friendly event. The love, kindness, and dedication of all involved has contributed to the astounding success "Biscuits Bingo" has become. Because of the generosity, vision and dedication of Officer Christine Luffey, so many more of Pittsburgh's animals in need can now be helped; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does recognize, celebrate

and thank the countless volunteers and donors who have made 25 years of “Biscuits Bingo” a triumph; and,

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to be “***25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Biscuits Bingo day***” in the City of Pittsburgh.