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Title:	WHEREAS, Arletta Scott Williams, a Pittsburgh native, earned a B.S. in metallurgical engineering and materials science from Carnegie Mellon University and began her career at U.S. Steel; and,		
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WHEREAS, Arletta Scott Williams, a Pittsburgh native, earned a B.S. in metallurgical engineering and materials science from Carnegie Mellon University and began her career at U.S. Steel; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams joined ALCOSAN on February 27, 1984, as a shift engineer. By 1996, she was Director of Operations and Maintenance, a position in which she was responsible for the daily operations of the wastewater treatment plant, 85 miles of interceptor sewer lines and almost 160 employees. In 1997, she concurrently served as Deputy Executive Director; and,

WHEREAS, in 1998, she made history as the first woman and African American Executive Director of ALCOSAN. Under Ms. Williams' leadership, ALCOSAN grew to a diverse organization of over 400 employees. Six of the top ten division directors reporting to her are women, one of whom is African American; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams has received numerous accolades for her contributions, including the Greater Pittsburgh YWCA's Racial Justice Award in 2016 for business and professional services, the American Society of Civil Engineers' Service to People Award in 2014 for her community impact; and ESWP Metcalfe Award, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, she comes from a family with a strong public service tradition, including her late aunt, civil rights pioneer Thelma Williams Lovette (for whom the Hill District YMCA is named) her uncle "Pappy" Williams, Pennsylvania's first Black ward chair, her uncle Jake Williams, who was the first African American paymaster for Allegheny County and her late father, Frank A. Williams, a former Allegheny County deputy controller and director of property and supplies for Allegheny County; and,

WHEREAS, driven by her family's legacy of public service, Ms. Williams remains dedicated to advocating for diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Her commitment to these values has paved the way for future generations of leaders, ensuring that all individuals have the opportunity to thrive. She currently resides in Penn

Hills with her son Tyler; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Arletta Scott Williams for her commitment to service and diversification in the workplace; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare, Tuesday, December 3, 2024 to be “**Arletta Scott Williams Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.