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Title:	WHEREAS, in 1872 Julius Sterling Morton, a newspaper editor and politician, established what would today be known as Arbor Day, a holiday dedicated to tree planting and environmental stewardship; and,		
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WHEREAS, in 1872 Julius Sterling Morton, a newspaper editor and politician, established what would today be known as Arbor Day, a holiday dedicated to tree planting and environmental stewardship; and,

WHEREAS, Morton's enthusiasm about planting trees and preserving nature contributed to the planting of more than 1 million trees in Nebraska that year and helped launch Arbor Day into a holiday that is celebrated throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh's vast number of trees and vibrant parks help to enrich our everyday lives and enhance the beauty in our communities; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh's tree population plays a vital role in fostering a healthier environment by mitigating the lasting effects of the city's industrial history; and,

WHEREAS, officially established in 1867, Allegheny Commons Park has evolved into a cherished community space, known for its mature canopy trees, wide promenade, and role as the Northside's front yard; and,

WHEREAS, the citizen-led advocacy group, the Allegheny Commons Initiative, has been instrumental in preserving Allegheny Commons Park as a welcoming and vibrant place for all; and,

WHEREAS, in partnership with City Forestry, the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, and Tree Pittsburgh, the Allegheny Commons Initiative has successfully designated Allegheny Commons Park as an official arboretum, ensuring its continued study, preservation, enjoyment as a vital green space; and,

WHEREAS, the designation of Allegheny Commons Park as an arboretum marks a significant milestone in

protecting and promoting biodiversity in our region, further solidified by its Level 1 accreditation from the Morton Arboretum; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh is celebrating 20 years as a Tree City USA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and officially celebrate **Arbor Day** on April 26th, 2025, here in the City of Pittsburgh, and does commend Allegheny Commons Park's designation as an arboretum that will protect and preserve its rich and valuable ecosystem.