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**Title:** NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor the late George W. Praskovich, recognizing his enduring spirit that has shaped the character of our city and makes it a place of resilience, community, and hope; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, November 14, 2025 to be "George W. Praskovich Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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WHEREAS, on the 100th anniversary of the birth of George W. Praskovich, the City of Pittsburgh together with his children, proudly honors his life; and,

WHEREAS, born to poor immigrant parents on Pittsburgh's North Side on November 14, 1925, George grew up among Eastern European newcomers who often faced an unwelcoming reception. Like many Americans, he drew strength from his faith, family, friends, and the promise of America to build a better life for himself, his family, community and country; and,

WHEREAS, answering the call of duty during World War II, George enlisted in the United States Navy and served with honor in the Pacific Theater, where he witnessed and contributed to acts of courage, camaraderie, and sacrifice that shaped the course of his life; and,

WHEREAS, after the war, George returned to Pittsburgh and worked at American Bridge, helping build the nation's infrastructure. He married a young woman from Sheraden, and together they welcomed five children-George, David, Diane, Douglas, and Donna. Following the tragic end of their marriage, George became the sole caregiver for their children; and,

WHEREAS, working nights at Eazor Express Trucking Company in the Strip District, he always ensured his children were cared for and ready for school. He insisted on saying Grace before dinner, faithful attendance at Mass, and a life grounded in charity, humility, and service; and,

WHEREAS, a devoted member of the American Legion Langley Post 496, George served veterans faithfully, worked Saturday night bingo, served as Post Commander for several years, and directed the Veterans 40-8

Train, appearing in parades across the Pittsburgh area; and,

WHEREAS, during the recession of the late 1970s and early 1980s, the collapse of Eazor Express and other companies resulted in the loss of stable pensions for many workers, including George. Despite hardship, he never lost his dignity and always remembered those around him-especially the American Veterans; and,

WHEREAS, George was a gifted problem-solver who could fix anything. His children drew lifelong strength from his example of fortitude, perseverance, unwavering faith and quite resilience. To them, he was their rock; and,

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