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Title: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby recognize Shayla Penn for her outstanding contributions to the culinary arts, community service, local business promotion, and the overall vitality of the City of Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Monday, December 22, 2025 to be "Shayla Penn Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Theresa Kail-Smith, All Members

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WHEREAS, Shayla Penn is a devoted mother of four, a Baldwin-Whitehall native and longtime Sheraden resident, and a Pittsburgh-based caterer, food educator, and home chef who shares her family's favorite recipes and culinary knowledge in teaching kitchens across Allegheny County; and

WHEREAS, she is the founder and operator of *Burgh Eats and Treats*, a widely respected Facebook group and trusted resource celebrating food and promoting locally owned restaurants across the Pittsburgh region and other cities across the country, with more than 27,000 members; and

WHEREAS, she serves as a guest instructor at Wholey's Seafood, leads community cooking demonstrations, supports youth cooking camps, and mentors others in healthy cooking, including sponsoring competitions benefiting the National Cancer Society and 412 Thrive; and

WHEREAS, through her culinary creativity, she collaborated with Acrospire Brewery and Barrel & Flow to create her own local beer "Blu Berry and Flo," which was offered at their annual Beer Festival; and

WHEREAS, Shayla has shared her expertise across numerous media outlets, including hosting segments on Star 100.7 with Bubba and Mel, appearing on *The Pittsburgh Dish* podcast, serving as a regular guest on the *Ya Jagoff* podcast and radio show, and appearing on *Pittsburgh Today Live*. She is regularly invited to create promotional content for businesses, organizations, and special events such as Pittsburgh's Wine & Spirit Festival, Baconsburgh, Good Taste Pittsburgh, *Pittsburgh Magazine*, and many local restaurants throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, she has been recognized through nominations by *Pittsburgh City Paper* for Best Soul Food in the

City and by the Black Chef Association for Best Chef in 2025 and she has received the Women of Excellence award from The Pittsburgh Courier; and

WHEREAS, she is an active community leader and advocate, serving as a board member of Babesburgh, Board Chair and President of the nonprofit organization Leading Through Love (LTL), a member of West Side Cares, and a leadership board member at Pittsburgh Langley K-8, and volunteers with The Salvation Army's Christmas Assistance Program; and

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