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Today Declared “Pittsburgh Passion Day” in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and City of Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto hosted a celebration of the championship season of the Pittsburgh Passion this morning at the Allegheny County Courthouse Courtyard. The Independent Women’s Football League (IWFL) team finished its 2015 season with a win against the Utah Falcoz, capping off the third undefeated season, and a record-breaking 22 consecutive wins.

Pittsburgh Passion co-owner and coach, Teresa Conn, accepted a joint proclamation on behalf of the team. She along with many members of the 64-player roster celebrated with team officials, players, family members and county and city officials. Although co-owner Franco Harris could not be at the proclamation ceremony, he asked Teresa Conn to convey his thanks to the county and city for their heartfelt recognition and support.

The proclamation follows, in its entirety:

***WHEREAS**, the Pittsburgh Passion has finished its 2015 season as the Independent Women’s Football League (IWFL) Champion; the team played its championship game against the Utah Falcoz on July 25, 2015 in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and finished the game with a 41-37 win; and*

***WHEREAS**, coming off of a phenomenal 2014 season, the Passion’s 2015 season has been just as incredible; the team was undefeated last year and has extended its winning streak to an amazing and record-breaking 22 games in a row; this win marked the 95th in team history and completed their 3rd undefeated season; and*

***WHEREAS**, the team, which plays its homes games at George Cupples Stadium in Pittsburgh’s South Side, is led by Co-Head Coach and Co-Owner, Teresa Conn, and Co-Head Coach*

Harvey Smith; the 2015 team was comprised of 64 players on the roster, each playing an important role in getting to, and winning, the IWFL Championship; and

***WHEREAS**, the IWFL is a full tackle women's football league focused on creating a positive, safe and fun environment for the women who play the game and fans that come out to watch them; the IWFL was founded in 2000 by a group of women dedicated to making the sport a household name; and*

***WHEREAS**, our region is one that is well-known for its sports teams and fans; we are extremely proud of the Passion's 2015 season and IWFL Championship win; each of these women, who also hold full-time jobs, are an excellent example of dedication and heart, and we are honored to have their team in our community.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, along with City of Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto, by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby congratulate the coaches, players and staff of the Pittsburgh Passion on its back-to-back IWFL Championships and outstanding 2015 season, and declare today, August 24, 2015, as "Pittsburgh Passion Day" in the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County!*

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