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Proclamation congratulating Paula Willis, Parks and Recreation Director for South Fayette Township for being a member of the inaugural class of the Parks & Recreation “30 Under 30”.

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Park Association’s (NRPA) Young Professional Network (YPN) and the *Parks and Recreation* magazine launched their first “30 Under 30”; and

WHEREAS, the “30 Under 30” program recognizes 30 of the top young park and recreational professionals who have made an impact in their communities; and

WHEREAS, *Paula Willis*, Parks and Recreation Director for South Fayette Township was recognized as a “30 Under 30” for her hard work and dedication to South Fayette Township’s parks and recreation; and

WHEREAS, *Paula* was chosen out of more than 100 candidates, forming a diverse group of nominees from 29 different states, one Canadian province and one U.S. Navy aircraft carrier; and

WHEREAS, as South Fayette Township’s first female Parks and Recreation director, *Paula* has innovatively created and expanded recreational opportunities, as well as advanced and established park amenities throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, as a one-person department with limited resources, *Paula* developed creative approaches to position recreation programs and parks as essential public services; and

WHEREAS, over the years, *Paula* has expended the number of programs offered annually by the department from 42 in 2016 to 88 in 2017. She has also increased program revenue from \$22,412 in 2015 to \$71,342 in 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny County Council President Patrick Catena, do hereby congratulate *Paula Willis* for being a member of the inaugural class of the Parks &

Recreation "30 Under 30". I thank her for her continued dedication to South Park Township as the director of the Parks and Recreation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 26th day of January 2021.