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Proclamation recognizing Ms. Heather Arnet, Director of the Women and Girls Foundation of Southwestern Pennsylvania, for directing a documentary entitled "Madame Presidenta: Why Not U.S.?"

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WHEREAS, in the United States, the month of March has been designated as Women's History Month in order to showcase and appreciate the immeasurable contributions women have made throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, Heather Arnet is a social activist dedicated to advancing social justice and gender equality for women and girls everywhere; and

WHEREAS, since 2004 Ms. Arnet has served as the CEO of the nonprofit Women and Girls Foundation in Southwestern Pennsylvania, which promotes women's rights and female leadership development; and

WHEREAS, to further assist in her advocacy for women, Heather wrote and directed "Madame Presidenta: Why Not U.S.? Vamos Meninas!" examining women's involvement and role in global politics, paying specific attention to Brazil as a major world economy led by female Presidenta, Dilma Rouseff; and

WHEREAS, Heather was inspired to make this film by her paternal grandmother Vivian Goldstein, who was the daughter of a suffragette; and

WHEREAS, Heather's maternal grandmother, Frances Bend, led by example, donating

her time and talents to the community; and

WHEREAS, Heather was able to achieve great heights because her mother, Eileen Brooks, taught her that she could be or do or achieve anything;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Allegheny County Council does hereby thank and commend Ms. Heather Arnet for her work in writing and directing "Madame Presidenta: Why Not U.S.? Vamos Meninas!"