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Proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of ***Dr. James H. McLemore.***

WHEREAS, Allegheny County Council does hereby honor the life of the late ***Dr. James H. McLemore***, a dedicated humanitarian and philanthropist who passed away on June 5, 2020 at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, ***Dr. McLemore*** came to Pittsburgh in 1996 to pastor the Hill District's historic Mother Bethel AME Church; and

WHEREAS, during his services, ***Dr. McLemore*** had contagious energy that was able to entice his congregation to act in love, faith, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, passionate about stabilizing and strengthening particularly African American families headed by single women in the greater Pittsburgh area, ***Dr. McLemore*** founded Small Seeds Development, Inc. (Small Seed) in order to help support, strengthen and sustain families to build strong and safe communities; and

WHEREAS, adapting the program model for Mother to Son, which he had operated in Ohio, ***Dr. McLemore*** worked closely with members of Bethel AME Church and more than 40 organizations that provided community-based services to start Small Seed.; and

WHEREAS, ***Dr. McLemore*** and several dedicated volunteers worked to grow Small Seed Development, Inc., which now offers several programs such as, Mother to Son, Father to Son, and Summer Success Camp; and

WHEREAS, due to ***Dr. McLemore's*** immense devotion to providing services to those in need, Small Seeds Development, Inc. grew in number and size. The provided services expanded to several churches, housing projects, and community centers; and

WHEREAS, the demand for Small Seeds' programs and services reached new heights, and its infrastructure grew to include a diverse and professional staff. All of which never would have been

possible if not for the love, faith, and hard work of *Dr. McLemore* ;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED , that I, Allegheny County Council DeWitt Walton do hereby honor the life, memory and legacy of *Dr. James H. McLemore* and I extend condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.