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Proclamation recognizing the month of September 2019, as “*Love Your Library Month 2019*” in Allegheny County

WHEREAS, today’s libraries are vibrant community centers that provide information access to residents of all ages, offering innovative resources and fueling creativity and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, libraries help children and families discover new and exciting worlds through collections, access to computers, digital resources and special programming; and

WHEREAS, all libraries in Allegheny County benefit from philanthropic gifts to supplement annual budgets that enable them to enhance services and programs available to all County residents; and

WHEREAS, *The Love Your Library* campaign began in 2016 as a way for library lovers in Allegheny County to support their local libraries and sustain essential services; and

WHEREAS, *Love Your Library* has helped the Allegheny County Library Association and its Member Libraries raise awareness about the importance of libraries, library cards and the services available to all people in our communities; and

WHEREAS, *Love Your Library* has been generously supported by the Jack Buncher Foundation by providing significant matching funds and promotional dollars to market the initiative; and

WHEREAS, library donors have contributed more than \$1.8 million during the first three years of *Love Your Library*; and

WHEREAS, *Love Your Library* has created more library advocates by encouraging

customers, library board members and staff to participate in a unifying, countywide effort; and

WHEREAS, Love Your Library will once again take place during the month of September 2019 and all donations made any library in Allegheny County in September will be generously matched by the Jack Buncher Foundation; and

WHEREAS, all library lovers in Allegheny County are encouraged to show their library love during the month of September 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Council Member Tom Baker and All Members of Council, do hereby recognize the month of September 2019, as “***Love Your Library Month 2019***” in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 10th day of September 2019.