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Proclamations congratulating the 2015 Pittsburgh Strong Award Winners and naming Friday, August 21, 2015 to be “Strong Women Strong Girls Day” in Allegheny County.

WHEREAS, **Strong Women Strong Girls** (SWSG) supports positive mentoring relationships between college women and pre-adolescent girls in underserved local communities to help raise ambition and combat the dangers of low self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2000, **Strong Women Strong Girls** has experienced tremendous growth and provided programming to over 1,400 girls in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Boston, Massachusetts and at more than 100 school and community center partner sites; and

WHEREAS, **Strong Women Strong Girls** has served more than 623 girls from 19 Greater Pittsburgh neighborhoods throughout Allegheny County and matched them with 220 undergraduate mentors from Carlow University, Carnegie Mellon University, Duquesne University, Point Park University, the University of Pittsburgh and a new chapter at Robert Morris University; and

WHEREAS, **Strong Women Strong Girls** established the **Pittsburgh Strong Awards** to celebrate one outstanding woman and three phenomenal young women whose work and leadership demonstrates a commitment to empowering women and girls throughout our region. We hereby recognize and congratulate the following awardees:

2015 Pittsburgh Strong Award Winner:

Tamasia Johnson, The Pearl Club, Founder and Executive Director

2015 Pittsburgh Strong Girl Award Winners:

Lauren O’Brien, University of Pittsburgh

Rebecca Volk, Avonworth High School, Avonworth School District

Lorraine West, Barrett Elementary School, Steel Valley School District

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council does hereby commend Strong Women Strong Girls for the critical impact it is making in Pittsburgh’s future by supporting girls and women in our region, and we hereby declare Friday, August 21, 2015 to be “**Strong Women Strong Girls Day**” in Allegheny County.