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Proclamation celebrating the 23rd Annual Martha's Run that is held in memoriam of ***FBI Special Agent Martha Dixon.***

WHEREAS, ***Special Agent Martha Dixon*** was born in January 1959 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Several years after receiving her Bachelor of Sciences Degree in Biology from the University of Pittsburgh, ***Special Agent Dixon*** entered on duty with the FBI. Her first office assignment was Knoxville, TN., where she was the first female agent in the field office to be certified as a SWAT team member; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 1994, ***FBI Special Agent Martha Dixon***, 35, was killed in the line of duty while confronting an armed assailant inside the Washington D.C.'s police headquarters building. On that day, ***Special Agent Dixon***, along with two other law enforcement officers lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, since ***Special Agent Dixon's*** passing, her family created the Martha Fund, a 501 (c)(3) charitable trust that hosts several annual events in her name to help pay for a variety of projects in the community; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 13, 2019, the Martha Fund will hold its 23rd Annual Martha's Run. Inspired by ***Special Agent Dixon's*** passion for running, Martha's Run is a fundraiser that consists of a 10k race, 2-mile run, and a 1-mile run/walk that is open to all ages. The run helps raise the awareness of ***Special Agent Dixon's*** sacrifice and help raise funds for the foundation established in her name;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Allegheny County Council Members Tom Baker, Sam DeMarco and Sue Means do hereby recognize the extreme heroism and dedication to country portrayed by ***Special Agent Martha Dixon***, and I encourage the citizens of Allegheny County to remember and honor her life by learning more about the foundations established in her memory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 13th day of April 2019.