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Proclamation recognizing **Noelle and David Conover** for their dedication to the Mt. Lebanon School District and the development of maker spaces.

WHEREAS, in 2002 at the age of 12, **Noelle and David Conover's** son, Matt last his battle with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma; and

WHEREAS, even at such a young age, Matt touched the hearts of many individuals through his warm smile, positive attitude and excitement for life; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the **Conovers** visited Foster Elementary School in Mt. Lebanon with the intention of providing a gift in recognition of their youngest child graduating from high school. During that visit, the couple discovered that the school was hoping to add "maker" spaces to the libraries of the seven elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, maker spaces are designated judgement free zone that provide students hands on experience to learn how to plan, design, create, experiment, and make mistakes with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) focused lessons; and

WHEREAS, after the tour of Foster Elementary School in 2016, the **Conovers** decided to donate \$175,000 to the seven elementary schools in Mt. Lebanon so they could install the maker spaces. This resulted in the creation of the nonprofit, Matt's Maker Space, Inc. to offer maker space opportunities to schools, libraries and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the **Conovers** made another donation of \$25,000 to help build two more maker spaces for the Mt. Lebanon School District;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny County Council Member Sue Means, do hereby recognize and thank **Noelle and David Conover** for their generous donations to Mt. Lebanon's middle school, and we commend them for their continued dedication to providing opportunities to the schools for the continuation of STEAM programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 3rd day of December 2019.