

CITY OF

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



PITTSBURGH

*A PROCLAMATION*

# *Environmental Health Project 10th Year of Excellence*

*Saturday, April First, Two Thousand & Twenty-Three*

*WHEREAS, The Environmental Health Project (EHP) is a nonprofit public health organization that assists and supports residents of Southwestern Pennsylvania and beyond who believe their health has been or could be, impacted by oil and gas development; and*

*WHEREAS, Since 2012, the Environmental Health Project (EHP) has defended public health in the face of shale gas development. During that time, EHP has fought to keep public health protections central to the conversation, growing its expertise, services, and geographic reach; and*

*WHEREAS, EHP collects, analyzes, and presents shale gas exposure information that informs frontline communities and empowers them to advocate for ending or mitigating harmful emissions. Additionally, they educate residents on exposure pathways and health impacts and promote the adoption of strategies that better protect them from exposure to shale gas emissions. Lastly, EHP advocates for a health-protective approach to shale gas development that places health and wellbeing at the center of policy decisions and ensures safety and health for all, regardless of race or ethnicity, sex, sexual identity, age, disability, or socioeconomic status; and*

*WHEREAS, EHP fills a significant gap in understanding the health impacts of the shale gas lifecycle- from extraction to end uses, transportation to waste disposal. Our team has diligently assembled relevant information from frontline communities and research institutions to add scientific weight to lived experience and context pertinent to study results. With this more holistic perspective, we can effectively advocate for more proactive public health protections wherever people are or may be at risk; and*

*WHEREAS, To celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, EHP highlighted the steps and people who helped them become the go-to organization for resources on the health impacts of shale gas development. They have partners in community advocacy, health, and wellness education, or public health policy.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Gainey, Mayor of Pittsburgh, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 1, 2023, as Environmental Health Project Day in the City of Pittsburgh and call upon everyone to work together to create a better, brighter, and more promising future for all.*



*Given under my hand and the **Great Seal of the City of Pittsburgh** at the City County Building in the First Ward of the City of Pittsburgh 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA. 15219 on this First day of April in the year Two Thousand & Twenty-Three*

A blue ink signature of Ed Gainey, Mayor of Pittsburgh.

**Ed Gainey**  
MAYOR OF PITTSBURGH