

A Proclamation

JANE HASKELL DAY

October 24, 2015

WHEREAS, the late Jane Haskell was a celebrated Pittsburgh artist, philanthropist, mentor, and board member of multiple organizations including the Carnegie Museum of Art; and

WHEREAS, shortly after Jane Haskell and her husband, Edward, moved to Pittsburgh in 1949 she immersed herself in our city's artistic life, receiving a Master's Degree at the University of Pittsburgh; teaching art history at Duquesne University; and working as an artist in various mediums including painting, drawing, metal sculpture and neon installations; and

WHEREAS, regardless of which medium Jane Haskell employed, her mantra was "without light there is no life"; context inspired by her mentor, Samuel Rosenberg, she fully explored light in form, content and context; and

WHEREAS, the exhibit, 'Jane Haskell: Drawing In Light' is about her work and deep commitment to the development of Pittsburgh's most venerated cultural institutions; Jane experienced the changes in both the 20th century art movements and public attitudes toward modern art, assuming leadership roles at a time when a woman in those roles was not the norm; and

WHEREAS, during her six decades in Pittsburgh, Jane Haskell championed issues and individuals she believed in; the examples she set by crossing racial and socio-economic lines, and by drawing in strangers and making them friends, are important components of her legacy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, William Peduto, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, do hereby declare October 24, 2015 "**JANE HASKELL DAY**" here in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.



WILLIAM PEDUTO
Mayor