

City of Pittsburgh

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WHEREAS, the 250th anniversary of the naming of the Pittsburgh region is our opportunity to celebrate the rich heritage and highlighting the assets that make Southwestern Pennsylvania one of the best places to live, work and invest; and,

WHEREAS, our region's talented workforce and technology have contributed many innovations that have transformed the nation and the world, from our past as a powerhouse of iron, steel and glass to present leadership in nanotechnology, education, health care and other knowledge industries; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh 250 has identified and is supporting the completion of three grand "Signature Projects" for residents and visitors that create lasting legacies connecting regional and national history, the great outdoors and the arts for generations to come. They include the transformation of Point State Park with expanded riverfront access, public art, a refurbished fountain to all serve as our regions' front door, the publication of Pennsylvania's Forbes Trail: Gateways and Getaways Along the Legendary Route from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, and the completion of the great Allegheny Passage; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh 250 is a grassroots celebration involving hundreds of thousands of individuals and organizations across the region through Community Connections grants to celebrate history, music, the arts and civic engagement, 250 & Fit to promote health and wellness and Reunion and Homecoming to encourage individuals and organizations to hold homecomings, reunions and meetings to bring former residents and visitors to our region through 2008; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby join our fellow county elected officials in the 14 county Southwestern Pennsylvania region to proclaim the year 2008 as a time for all citizens past and present, as well as visitors from around the world to join together to celebrate our history, enjoy the present, imagine a bright future and work together to make it happen by celebrating the anniversary year with Pittsburgh 250.