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WHEREAS, when disaster strikes, both nationally and internationally, the **American Red Cross** immediately responds to help the victims in their time of need ; and,

WHEREAS, the **American Red Cross** continually strives to uphold its Fundamental Principles of Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality; and,

WHEREAS, in the previous fiscal year, the **Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross** responded to 401 emergencies and provided assistance with such essential needs as food, clothing, and shelter to approximately 1900 individuals in our community; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to immediate disaster relief, this Red Cross Chapter trained more than 47,500 community members to save lives through CPR, First Aid Lifeguarding and AED courses last year ; and,

WHEREAS, 588 families in our community relied on our local Chapter to communicate emergency messages to their loved ones in the military through the Service to the Armed Forces Program, a 24 hour emergency counseling and support service; and,

WHEREAS, the **Southwestern PA Chapter of the American Red Cross** does not receive public funding nor does it receive operational funding from the national organization and therefore began The Red Tie Affair in 2003 as a way to raise funds for the local Red Cross, to celebrate the hard work of its volunteers and recognize a distinguished leader for his/her work in the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Red Cross's biggest annual fundraiser, **THE RED TIE AFFAIR**, will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008, at the Westin Convention Center Hotel with **Sally Wiggin** as Master of Ceremonies and will honor Pittsburgh native, retired **Supreme Court Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy** with the **Distinguished Leadership Award** for his significant judicial and higher education leadership and humanitarian contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the **American Red Cross** and its tireless staff and dedicated volunteers for its remarkable work in the region and celebrates its new "*Promise to Prepare*" Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, April 26, 2008, to be "*AMERICAN RED CROSS DAY*" in the City of Pittsburgh.