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WHEREAS, It is estimated that close to 100,000 Slovak immigrants came to Pittsburgh in the 1890s looking for work and the chance for a better life, making the region home to the most number of Slovaks in the country; and,

WHEREAS, The Slovak-immigrant community has been a key component to building both the City of Pittsburgh and to a large extent the nation; and

WHEREAS, for 85 years the Slovaks of Western Pennsylvania have gathered in Kennywood Park to celebrate their heritage and socialize with old friends and make new ones; and,

WHEREAS, all Slovak American organizations, churches, fraternal and businesses in Western Pennsylvania participate to make it a day full of cultural activities, fellowship and fun; and,

WHEREAS, this year Reverend Micah E. Kozoil will celebrate a Mass with fellow clergy of the Pittsburgh and Greensburg Dioceses; and

WHEREAS, The Slovakian culture is alive and well in the region as events such as this that reinforce the importance of cultural heritage to new generations of Pittsburghers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and celebrate the 85th Annual Slovak American Day at Kennywood Park on July 17, 2008; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare July 17, 2008, **SLOVAK DAY** in the City of Pittsburgh.