



# City of Pittsburgh

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WHEREAS, on July 8, 2007, Jay Donaldson's beloved eldest son Jehru Donaldson was gunned down in needless violence by youth on the streets of the Northside; and  
WHEREAS, within a month of Jehru Donaldson's death, Jay Donaldson announced to 500 attendees the creation of a new organization dedicated to getting young people off the streets and engaged in positive activities; and  
WHEREAS, Mr. Donaldson and his son and co-founder Jakim have created the P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Group, leading a community movement dedicated to combating urban violence and showing young people an alternative to gangs, prison, and an early grave; and  
WHEREAS, "P.R.O.M.I.S.E." stands for "Protecting and Restoring the Orders of Mankind with the Initiative of Serving Elders," referring to partnership among elders and youth toward mutual benefit; and  
WHEREAS, the P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Program now includes the Jehru M. Donaldson Scholarship Foundation, The P.r.o.m.i.s.e. Book Club, and The Youth For Change Mentoring Program; and  
WHEREAS, Mr. Donaldson organized the "Stop the Violence" peace rally at West Park on the North Side on June 14, 2008, co-sponsored by many groups including the Pittsburgh Project; One Vision, One Life; the Urban League; Bidwell Training Center; Mosque #22; the Langston Hughes Poetry Society; and several local rappers and spoken word artists; and  
WHEREAS, the Jehru M. Donaldson Scholarship Foundation has recently awarded its first two \$500 scholarships to Oliver High School graduates; and  
WHEREAS, Mr. Donaldson has recently partnered with Professor Eddie Rose to start the P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Martial Arts & Fitness Program, a ground-breaking program geared to providing self-defense, physical fitness and health, in addition to status and reward, identity and belonging, and moral and social significance; and  
WHEREAS, Mr. Donaldson's message is a very positive one: bringing the community together toward stopping violence and mentoring youth;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh commends the P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Group on its very positive efforts to bring the community together and raise our youth from the depths of shiftless and rootless violence; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, June 9, 2009, to be "P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Group Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.