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WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is committed to producing a world-class vintage racing event in order to raise funds to provide residential care, treatment and support for developmentally disabled individuals in the Pittsburgh region; and,

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix holds the dual distinction of America's largest vintage race event -- attended by over 250,000 people during the 10-day festival -- and the only one that's raced on city streets; and,

WHEREAS, the funds raised by this event, which since 1983 have totaled \$2.4 million, benefit developmentally disabled individuals at the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny Valley School; and,

WHEREAS, this year's Grand Prix will honor their own beloved "Downtown Donnie Brown", who passed away on May 26, 2009, and spent much of his Grand Prix time discussing the event's ambitions with city and county officials and served as Chief Starter during race weekend at every Vintage Grand Prix; and

WHEREAS, this year's 27th Vintage Grand Prix is commemorated by the exciting artwork of Pittsburgh's own Burton Morris, and includes a race through beautiful Schenley Park this weekend, as well as 14 exciting days of car shows, races, and parties throughout the city from July 5th to the 19th.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the **Vintage Grand Prix** for providing all city residents with fourteen days of excitement, bringing the top vintage cars out for the public to view, and pursuing their philanthropic duty as a fundraiser for the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley School; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares Friday, July 17, 2009, to be **"Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Day"** in the City of Pittsburgh.