



City of Pittsburgh

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WHEREAS, Joyce Rothermel helped found and is the current Chief Executive Officer of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, which is Southwestern Pennsylvania's largest charitable hunger-relief organization. Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (GPCFB) works with a network of nearly 360 member agencies located throughout an eleven-county region of Southwestern Pennsylvania, including smaller county-wide food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, daycare centers for both senior citizens and children, personal-care homes, MH/MR drop-in centers, homeless shelters, shelters for battered women and their children, drug rehabilitation centers, Home Delivered Meals Programs (Meals on Wheels) for the elderly, and after-school programs for youth; and

WHEREAS, under Joyce's leadership, the Food Bank began with and retains a reputation for non-profit excellence, innovation, and service. Through her example and her wisdom, programs the Food Bank has initiated continue to win awards and be adopted by the food bank network. For example, in 2006, the Food Bank won "Hunger's Hope" Awards from America's Second Harvest for two programs, Choosing Healthy Options Program (CHOP), and the "paper plate campaign," and advocacy outreach effort that produced thousands of messages for state legislators written on paper plates; and

WHEREAS, Joyce inspires all she meets to take action against hunger, and embrace the cause with passion. She forges partnerships and community connections, and brings out the best in each partner; and

WHEREAS, Joyce Rothermel is both the visionary and the driving force behind fighting hunger in southwestern Pennsylvania. The Food Bank will be honoring Joyce, as well as celebrating the 30th Anniversary and commemorating Hunger Awareness Day on June 7th.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby recognizes Joyce Rothermel for being a tireless champion of social justice and dignity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim June 7, 2011, to be designated, "**Joyce Rothermel**" day in the City of Pittsburgh.