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WHEREAS, this year, 2011, marks the 130th Anniversary of the Fairhaven United Methodist Church on Saw Mill Run Boulevard in Overbrook ; and

WHEREAS, the founder of the church, Richard Perry, was inspired to start a new congregation after attending religious meetings at the old Castle Shannon Meeting Grounds, which is part of present-day Arlington Park; and

WHEREAS, Perry organized a Sunday School in Overbrook, which was then called Fairhaven, with the help of his neighbors, William and Hannah Hibbs; and

WHEREAS, the Sunday School met every Sunday afternoon in an old school building at the bottom of Maytide Street; and

WHEREAS, in 1883, the Methodist Conference took interest in the Sunday School activities, and appointed a minister, Reverend Samuel Ferry Crowthers, to the newly created Fairhaven Mission; and

WHEREAS, the Mission was formally organized as the Fairhaven Methodist Protestant Church on August 31, 1884; and

WHEREAS, in 1890, Robert Thompson donated land on Glenbury Street, and the men of the congregation built a church that was used for the following seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, the congregation quickly outgrew the first church, and the current church building was constructed in 1907 on land donated by the Horning family, who also paid for the church bell and the stained glass windows; and

WHEREAS, the Fairhaven Church continues to serve the people of Overbrook and Carrick today, as an institution of faith, and a hub for community activities and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Fairhaven Church is holding its annual Friends of Fairhaven Gala Benefit Dinner and Auction on Saturday, November 19th, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Pittsburgh City Council declares November 19th, 2011 to be Fairhaven United Methodist Church day in the City of Pittsburgh.

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