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WHEREAS, April 2012 will mark the 29th year of National Child Abuse Prevention Month since its first presidential proclamation in 1983; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month we would like to honor the **Child Advocacy Center (CAC) at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC** which was established in the year 2000 as a result of the commitment of the Department of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh to ensure that some of our most valuable resources receive competent assessment for maltreatment, as well as the need for ongoing services once abuse has been recognized; and,

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and increase public awareness of the need to ensure safety and welfare of children; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the **Child Advocacy Center** is to protect children and promote healthy families through excellence in assessment of child maltreatment, medical and social care for vulnerable children, collaboration with child protection agencies and education and research; and,

WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Center works closely with the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and during 2011, CAC received 128 cases to interview and had 168 cases to prosecute and in the first quarter of 2012 alone CAC reviewed 32 cases from the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and their collaboration led to 52 cases prosecuted; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend the **Child Advocacy Center (CAC) at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC** for their tremendous work and dedication to supporting and defending the lives of children and for their cooperation and collaboration with the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police to whom they are a valuable asset; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Wednesday, April 25, 2012, to be "**Child Advocacy Center Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.