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WHEREAS, the members of the *Bureau of Emergency Medical Services* and the *Fraternal Association of Professional Paramedics* devote their careers to saving the lives of others and promotes the improvement of pre-hospital medical care through practice, research and community service; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Teams consist of highly trained Paramedics, Firefighter First Responders, Telecommunications Officers, Physicians and Nurses whose knowledge and skills benefit the people of Pittsburgh on a daily basis; and,

WHEREAS, this being the 37th anniversary of the **Pittsburgh Paramedics** in making tomorrows happen for our residents, we would like to recognize the accomplishment of the Pittsburgh Paramedics in setting a city record for the resuscitation of patients in cardiac arrest going from as low as 3 percent rate of survival in past history to 16.4 percent during a 12 month period ending September 30, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh EMS Post Cardiac Arrest Guideline exceeds the Pennsylvania Department of Health Post Cardiac Arrest Protocol and in order to increase the rate of survival even more, the Fraternal Association of Professional Paramedics support a campaign to encourage Pittsburgh residents to learn CPR and encourage citizens to begin care as suggested by Mayor Luke Ravenstahl; and,

WHEREAS, what better way to start the campaign than to acknowledge *National Emergency Medical Services Week* May 20 through May 26, which will serve to educate the people of Pittsburgh regarding Emergency Medical Services; and,

WHEREAS, the national theme for this year is “**EMS: More Than a Job. A Calling**”; and,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend the dedication and commitment of the Emergency Medical Teams to the residents of the City of Pittsburgh; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh declares May 20 through May 26 as “**Emergency Medical Services Week**” in the City of Pittsburgh.