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WHEREAS, beginning at the age of 13 while recovering from a life-threatening illness, **Johno Prascak** began studying art and took up painting as a means of therapy; and,

WHEREAS, what began as a therapy turned into a profession when, in 1988, **Johno** had his first public art exhibit at the Pittsburgh Aviary, and the demand for his paintings, and his fame as an artist, has grown ever since; and,

WHEREAS, **Johno** approaches the canvas with a unique mixture of enamels and sand, giving his paintings an unusual texture, and often utilizes sand from a client's location in the creation of commissioned pieces; and,

WHEREAS, **Johno's** paintings can be found at the Carnegie Library of Homestead, on the set of KDKA TV-2's Pittsburgh Today Live show, at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, where he has 5 Steeler-themed paintings on display, the George H W Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M, and at 20 different Eat n' Park restaurants around the Pittsburgh area; and,

WHEREAS, **Johno's** latest endeavor has him teaming up with Sarris Candies from Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, designing their new limited edition Pittsburgh Skyline box of chocolates, which features a beautiful painting by **Johno** of the Downtown skyline; and,

WHEREAS, for decades, **Johno Prascak** has been making Pittsburgh proud with his unique painting style and brilliant representations of Pittsburgh landscapes and personalities and continues to perfect his art from his studio on Arlington Avenue in the South Side Slopes; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, May 29th, 2012, to be **Johno Prascak Day** in the City of Pittsburgh.