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WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 3 U.S. citizens born after 2000 will be affected by diabetes during their lifetime, diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death among Americans, each year, more than 200,000 deaths are reported as being caused by diabetes or its complications; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) designated November 14th as World Diabetes Day, have urged the world to light buildings blue to increase global awareness about diabetes and the impact of diabetes in the world; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that one of every seven healthcare dollars in the United States is spent on a person with diabetes, as follow up and treatment can increase expenditures four times as compared to a person without diabetes, increasing the economic impact of society due to loss of productivity, disability or loss of life; and

WHEREAS, World Diabetes Day will be celebrated with a diabetes awareness booth for education and screening at Allegheny General Hospital (AGH) and Western Pennsylvania Hospital (WPH), a "Blue Light Special" will be served in the AGH Café Allegheny and at the WPH Friendship Dining Room as a healthy choice for visitors, along with a radio interview conducted by Dr. Patricia Bononi, Medical Director of the Joslin Diabetes Center, West Penn Allegheny Health System, speaking about the importance of World Diabetes Day; and

WHEREAS, the following organizations have offered support and partnered with this year's World Diabetes Day:

Allegheny General Hospital - AGH Diabetes Committee

Western Pennsylvania Hospital - Joslin Diabetes Center at West Penn Hospital

American Diabetes Association

Pennsylvania Diabetes Action

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the Allegheny General Hospital Diabetes Committee, the Joslin Diabetes Center at West Penn Hospital, the American Diabetes Association and the Pennsylvania Diabetes Action Partnership for their commitment towards increasing diabetes awareness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 14, 2012, to be "World Diabetes Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.