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WHEREAS, the 31st annual Brookline Breeze 5K Run and Fitness Walk kicked off at 9:00 a.m. on the bright morning of August 11, 2012 at Brookline Memorial Park and set off for the hilly Brookline Boulevard route; and

WHEREAS, soon after, at the intersection of Brookline Boulevard and Whited Street, Mr. Tim Keefer, a retired Pittsburgh Public Schools Health Instructor who was participating in that morning's race, began feeling dizzy and collapsed onto the street; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keefer suddenly fell into cardiac arrest, registering no pulse; and

WHEREAS, two fellow racers stopped and were the first to assist Mr. Keefer: **Mr. Colin Hackman**, a meteorologist from Wilmington, North Carolina, and **Mr. Rizieri Valles**, an off-duty Pittsburgh paramedic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hackman and Mr. Valles showed true valor in taking the time to stop and help their fellow man and Pittsburgher; and

WHEREAS, within four minutes, Pittsburgh Emergency Medical Services paramedics **Stephen Carlson, Barry Warble, Ed Carlino, Jennifer Grub, Brad Ruppand, Scott Lowman, and Steven Joos** were on the scene and providing first responder care; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keefer was transported to Mercy Hospital, where he was outfitted with a lifesaving pacemaker; and

WHEREAS, the entire incident demonstrates the care and consideration that Brookline is known for and shows how heroic actions can truly make a difference in someone's life.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh honors the heroic actions of **Rizieri Valles and the Pittsburgh Paramedics** during the events of August 11th; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Monday, November 19th, 2012 to be **Brookline Breeze Heroes Day** in the City of Pittsburgh.