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WHEREAS, it is our collective responsibility to provide for the well-being of our children by passing on a strong work ethic, teaching them a sense of right and wrong and giving them support, guidance and skills to ensure that they have every opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh Board of Education Member **Mark Brentley Sr.** is the Founder and Co-Chairperson of **Take a Father to School Day**, which is celebrating its 15th Annual Day, and was designed for the School Board to implement and embrace the idea that fathers are important to the educational process; and

WHEREAS, **Take a Father to School Day** emphasizes the involvement of both parents in the lives of their children in order to respond to and reverse societal trends that have lessened and discouraged the participation of fathers in the formal education of their children; and

WHEREAS, for the sake of our children, the well being of our neighborhoods and the future of our nation, fathers of school age children are encouraged to participate to the fullest extent possible in their children's education and to take the opportunity to attend school with their children on May 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for **Take a Father to School Day** is "*Yes Eye Can*" in which fathers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to a local food bank and to bring used eye glasses to be donated to those in need;

WHEREAS, the following organizations have offered support and partnered with this year's **Take a Father to School Day** event:

- A+ Schools (A+ Men);**
- Allegheny Family Network;**
- Coalition for Fathering Families;**
- Dads Assisting Dads and Families;**
- Early Childhood Education Program Male/Fatherhood Involvement Initiative;**
- Men Against Destruction Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder (MADDADS Pittsburgh Chapter);**
- Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC Family Care Connection;**
- Family Services of Western Pennsylvania;**
- AIU/Fathers Collaborative Council of Western Pennsylvania;**
- Men Alliance of the Mon-Valley;**
- Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC);**
- Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church Men's Ministry; and**
- The Pittsburgh Pirates;**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the important work of this program and congratulate **Mark Brentley Sr.**, School Board Member and Chairman of **Take a Father to School Day**, and all the volunteers, participants and partners who give themselves to further the growth and healthy development of our city's children; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, May 17, 2013 to be "**Take a Father to School Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.