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WHEREAS, the National Animal Control Association has designated the second week of April each year as **Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week**; and

WHEREAS, the various Federal, State, and Local Government Officials throughout the Country take this time to recognize, thank, and commend all **Animal Control Officers** for the dedicated service they provide to the citizens, various Public Safety, Public Service Agencies and Departments throughout the Country; and

WHEREAS, the Pittsburgh **Bureau of Animal Care & Control** provides assistance to the employees of the Public Safety Department, other City Departments and the Allegheny County Health Department in situations involving animals, both domestic and wild; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau assists the Pennsylvania Game Commission in the tracking of the rabies virus; enforces the Dangerous Dog Law; it enforces City and State codes dealing with animals; issues citations and appears in court; keeps City parks animal-nuisance free; works with non-profit animal shelters; and provides consultation to other municipalities concerning animal issues; and

WHEREAS, **Animal Control Officers** capture stray animals, assist in pet/owner recovery, resolve neighbor disputes over animals, assist the elderly and physically-challenged with animal concerns, advise and teach residents of their responsibility as pet owners, advise non-pet owners of their rights, capture and release State and non-State-mandated wildlife, as well as the capture of domestic animals and wildlife. The Bureau also quarantines animals, provides removal of deceased animals and assists police and the District Attorney's office with inhumane investigations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the important work and contributions of the **Bureau of Animal Care & Control** provides on a daily basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare the week of April 7-13, 2013 to be "**Animal Care & Control Officers Appreciation Week**" in the City of Pittsburgh and ask all citizens, public safety, health, and public service personnel to join in expressing gratitude and appreciation for the outstanding service our Animal Control Officers provide throughout the year.