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WHEREAS, community leaders, public officials, and dedicated volunteers who take action to help prevent violence in our communities, and provide services to at-risk youth, make the City of Pittsburgh a better place to live for all; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, June 29th, 2013, at Stage AE, Stop the Violence - Pittsburgh will conduct a **Community PEACE Awareness Day** that will bring together nearly twenty grass-roots organizations and elected officials from the Pittsburgh area; and

WHEREAS, the **Community PEACE Awareness Day** will offer a platform for local organizations including music institutes, mental health specialists, and domestic violence groups to showcase some of the high-quality support services that are available to the community; and

WHEREAS, the event will also include motivational speakers on conflict resolution and anti-bullying, live entertainment, and the "Gone but Not Forgotten" segment to commemorate the murder victims of 2012-2013 and their families; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals and organizations will be recognized for their efforts to reduce violence and prevent crime:

Valerie Dixon - Executive Director of P.A.C.T

Debra Germany - Executive Director of Divine Intervention Ministries (DIM)

Inshirah Jihada - a Homewood community organizer

Adrienne Young - Executive Director of Tree of Hope

El Gray - a former community organizer, now deceased

Khalid Raheem - President of the National Council for Urban Peace & Justice

Richard Garland - a social service activist, and former president of One Vision One Life

Renee Goodson - of Homewood

Cheryl Harvey - of Larimer, now deceased

June Bryant - of East Hills

Olivia Jones - Gang Outreach Program

New Pittsburgh Courier - for its work highlighting violence in the African-American communities of Allegheny County

Rashad.Birdsong-Community Empowerment Association

Brandi Fisher - APA

Kenny Durrett - Wilksburg Outreach

Geraldine Charles - Garfield Community Worker

Frank Chapman - East Hills

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the individuals and organizations that planned such an important event; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, June 29, 2013 to be “**Community PEACE Awareness Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.