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WHEREAS, Anne Likarevich, soon to celebrate her 100th birthday, has devoted her life to her family and her community; and

WHEREAS, Anne was born on July 19, 1913 in Bilovar, Croatia and at age seven emigrated to the United States with her family; and

WHEREAS, as the eldest of six children, Anne played an important role in helping to raise her sisters and brother, three of whom, Margaret Wood, Cecelia Mueser and brother Steve Kovachich continue to live and thrive in the Pittsburgh area; and

WHEREAS, in 1931 **Anne** graduated from Duff's Business School, to which she had received a scholarship, and married John Likarevich; and

WHEREAS, Anne and John moved to Observatory Hill to raise their daughters, Eleanor and Lillian and became an active member of The Church of the Nativity, now known as Incarnation, and remains involved with the Church's Women's Guild and Ladies of Charity to this day; and

WHEREAS, Anne's husband passed away in 1966, causing her to seek employment to support her family, so she went to work for wholesale jewelers, Helm and Hahn, and stayed with the company for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Anne has a strong commitment to her family, always finding the time to be a loving grandmother to Christopher Clark and a beloved aunt to her niece Gail Mueser Casey; and

WHEREAS, during the 1970s, Anne and six other Observatory Hill women struggled to find a place where they and others could gather to socialize and play cards, which led to their working with Citiparks to create the Perry North (later known as Observatory Hill) senior community center; and

WHEREAS, in the years that followed, at the community centers in Observatory Hill, Perry South, and, for the past decade, Brighton Heights, Anne set the standard as the consummate volunteer and chief cook and bottle washer, taking on whatever tasks needed to be done, from serving as good will ambassador to selling the 50/50 tickets; Anne humbly says that "Being involved with all the people I've met at the centers has made my life worth living"; and

WHEREAS, Anne's selfless commitment is recognized throughout the city, and in 2012 she was chosen as a Jefferson Award winner by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and, earlier this year, she was honored by Citiparks' "SeniorInterests" for her 40 years and 40,000 hours of volunteer service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Friday, July 19, 2013 to be "Anne Likarevich Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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