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WHEREAS, Rev. W. W. Clark founded the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1846 with eight other people as a pioneering African-American church on the south side of the Monongahela; and,
WHEREAS, St. Paul AME Church held worship services in Pittsburgh's South Side Flats neighborhood for its first 54 years, starting in a building on Wright's Way and eventually moving to a site at Sarah and South 13th streets; and,

WHEREAS, when the congregation outgrew the South Side location, St. Paul AME Church moved to the Hilltop Neighborhoods, settling first in Allentown before building a new facility dedicated in 1918 at Sylvania Avenue and Montooth Street in Beltzhoover; and,

WHEREAS, for 82 years at its Beltzhoover location, St. Paul AME Church provided additional services to the community including a daycare center, Boys and Girls Scouts clubs, a Health Care Center and a food pantry; and,

WHEREAS, St. Paul AME Church moved back to Allentown in 2000, setting up its current location at 400 Orchard Place to meet the needs of the growing congregation; and,

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Rev. Cheryl Ruffin, who became the church's first female pastor in 2010, St. Paul AME Church has expanded its outreach and community service efforts through a weekly Prayer Walk, a Community Picnic, the 5 Loaves and 2 Fish Soup Kitchen and the Green Up Pittsburgh: Edible Garden "Seed Time and Harvest" Community Garden; and,

WHEREAS, St. Paul AME Church is celebrating its 167th anniversary this year with a three-day celebration July 19th thru 21st; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Pittsburgh recognizes St Paul AME Church's centuries-long commitment to serving the religious and social needs of the South Side and Hilltop neighborhoods; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, July 16, 2013 to be "**St. Paul AME Church Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.

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