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WHEREAS, The Heitz 61 Memorial Foundation is a non-profit that honors the life of **Ryan Heitenrater** by promoting higher education and encouraging the physical well-being and teamwork of young people involved in sports by distributing scholarships and grants; and,

WHEREAS, Ryan Heitzenrater was a healthy and active 13 year old involved in a variety of team and personal sports who became ill in January 2013 with a viral infection that ultimately took his life. Ryan was an athletic, dynamic and dedicated teenager who played ice hockey for the Arctic Foxes Hockey Association for 8 years. He also played football, track and field and excelled at snowboarding at Seven Springs and in the Colorado Rocky Mountains; and,

WHEREAS, in order to preserve his memory, **The Heitz 61 Memorial Foundation** was created to help young people like Ryan achieve their dreams of sports and scholarship while forever remembering Ryan's indomitable strength and spirit ; and,

WHEREAS, The Heitz 61 Memorial Foundation will host its first fundraiser with **The Heitz of Heaven Hockey Tournament** on September 6-8, 2013 and **The Heitz of Heaven 5K Run/Walk** on September 7, 2013. The Hockey Tournament will be a 3 day Amateur Ice Hockey Tournament featuring 8 Bantam teams and 4 Girl teams. The Run/ Walk will take place around the RMU Island Sports Complex and runners will be timed by a Race professional. There will also be a Chinese Auction, a 50/50 Raffle, Food for all and two Public Skates; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend **The Heitz 61 Memorial Foundation** for its mission to memorialize the spirit and strength of Ryan Heitzenrater and congratulates the Foundation on its first exciting fundraiser to raise dollars to provide scholarships for higher education; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, , that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare September 6-8, 2013, to be **"THE HEITZ 61 MEMORIAL FOUNDATION DAYS** "in the City of Pittsburgh.