



# City of Pittsburgh

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Pittsburgh must recognize and honor those who have helped shape our region's rich and storied history; and

**WHEREAS**, **Joseph Walter Himmelstein**, born in 1855, and his wife Caroline immigrated to the United States from Baden, Germany in 1875 to start a new life as dairy farmers, being sponsored by an American family; and

**WHEREAS**, **Joseph** started the **Himmelstein** Dairy Farm in the late 1800s at the end of Grand Avenue in Allegheny City, which housed no less than fifty dairy cows; and

**WHEREAS**, **Himmelstein** Dairy served the community for more than sixty-five years, delivering milk in horse-drawn wagons and employing neighboring families; and

**WHEREAS**, **Joseph W Himmelstein II** and **Joseph W Himmelstein III** and his son **Joseph D Himmelstein** continued the family dairy tradition, even generously supplying desperate families with milk during the milk strike of the fifties; and

**WHEREAS**, **Joseph II** and **Joseph III** served our country valiantly in World War I and World War II respectively. **Joseph III** served in the First Cavalry Division and looked after our military's horses, before returning home to finish his education at Penn State, where he earned a degree in agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1887, **Joseph Walter Himmelstein** purchased a beautiful water-abundant tract of land adjacent to what is now Riverview Park; and

**WHEREAS**, years later, during the Great Depression, the **Himmelsteins** worked with the City of Pittsburgh and the Works Progress Administration to map and construct more than thirty miles of Bridle trails throughout Riverview Park that are still used today; and

**WHEREAS**, **Joseph III** helped create the Riverview Valley Stable, which housed more than twenty-five horses used for horseback riding lessons, boarding, and showing. Thus began a long standing relationship between the **Himmelsteins** and their horses that has spanned six generations, and continues to this day. **Stacey Himmelstein White** and her daughter **Rhiannon White** have even won world titles in horse showing in 2012, and 2013; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the **Himmelstein family** for its role in developing the trail system in Riverview Park, and for bringing joy to countless Pittsburghers who visited the family dairy farm and horse stables; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, November 19, 2013 to be “**Himmelstein Family Day**” in the City of Pittsburgh.