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WHEREAS, the **Pittsburgh Banjo Club**, was founded by Frank Rossi on December 15, 1988 as a non-profit organization welcoming men and women from all walks of life, with a common goal: the encouragement and preservation of the banjo, which is America's Native Instrument; and

WHEREAS, the **Pittsburgh Banjo Club** will be celebrating 25 years of providing thousands in the Pittsburgh region with "the happiest music in the world" at concerts, sing-alongs, conventions, fund raisers, political rallies, reunions; and

WHEREAS, the **Pittsburgh Banjo Club** has 80 members, including the Club's officers Joe DeFrancesco, Rob Nigrelli, John Esposito and Musical Director, Norman Azinger; and

WHEREAS, the **Pittsburgh Banjo Club's** two youngest members are 12 year old Enzo Chiodi and 13 year old Nico Chiodi; Enzo and Nico are recognized as two of the finest banjo players in the nation today and have appeared at conventions and banjo shows across the US; and

WHEREAS, the **Pittsburgh Banjo Club**, performs music from the '20s and '30s, polkas and Dixieland at many functions, donating the monies raised to local charities; to date the Club has donated over \$90,000 to Pittsburgh area organizations; and

WHEREAS, the **Pittsburgh Banjo Club** holds practice sessions every Wednesday, at 8 p.m., at the Allegheny Elks Lodge #339, on Pittsburgh's North Side, and invites the general public to attend; and

WHEREAS, the practice sessions provide a fun and friendly atmosphere that attracts fans of all ages, from families, to young singles and couples, to senior citizens who enjoy this jewel of the North Side; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend and congratulate the **Pittsburgh Banjo Club** on 25 years of happy music and service to the Pittsburgh region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, **December 15, 2013** to be "**Pittsburgh Banjo Club Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh.