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WHEREAS, since 1965, **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh** has matched more than 19,000 children with responsible, caring adult mentors; and

WHEREAS, through these strong and enduring one-to-one relationships, a child's basic developmental needs are met and supported with role modeling, guidance, and friendship; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that children enrolled as Little Brothers and Sisters are more confident in their learning abilities, develop a more positive attitude towards school, and are better able to avoid conflicts and make positive choices; and

WHEREAS, studies also show that 58% of Little Brothers and Sisters achieve higher grades in social studies, languages, and math, and they are 52% less likely than their peers to skip school and 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh** has received the Quality Award for the third consecutive year, and in 2012 received the national Big Brothers Big Sisters Agency of the Year honor; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh** will recognize its Celebrate Coalitions winners at the 4th Annual Celebrate Big Brothers Big Sisters Coalitions event at James Street Speakeasy in the East Allegheny neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the following volunteers and partners will be honored at the event for their tremendous efforts for the agency:

Jackie Belczyk, Young Professional Outreach Board Member of the Year
Dennis Hazenstab, Male Recruitment Advisory Board Member of the Year
Doug Foster, BIG Speakers Bureau Member of the Year
Heidi Nevala, Washington County Advisory Board Member of the Year
Saturday Light Brigade and Washington & Jefferson College, BIG Community Partners of the Year

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh** for its years of dedication to finding role models and guidance to children in need; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, December 17, 2013 to be **Big Brothers Big Sisters Celebrate Coalitions Day** in the City of Pittsburgh.

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