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WHEREAS, German immigrants began settling in Pennsylvania in 1683, and many moved to what is now known as Pittsburgh's Northside, where the influence of German culture is still visible today; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of these immigrants and their offspring, the **Alliance of Germanic Societies of Pittsburgh** (German, Austrian and Swiss) will host their annual **German Heritage Parade** in Historic Deutschtown, on Saturday, September 13, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, before the parade, antique German automobiles will be on display in Allegheny Commons East for all to see; and,

WHEREAS, the parade will proceed from the Commons along East Ohio Street, stopping for performances outside PRIORITY Fine Pastries, crossing the I-279 overpass, turning left at Madison Avenue and then right on Phineas Street and ending at the *Teutonia Männerchor* at the corner of Phineas and Chestnut Streets. The parade will include dignitaries from various German, Austrian and Swiss organizations, German Folk Dance groups, and singing societies; and,

WHEREAS, following the parade there will be a luncheon at the *Teutonia Männerchor*, a celebration that will include musical performances and recognition of local German history, where two individuals will be honored for their significant impact on the Pittsburgh area; and,

WHEREAS, honoree **Dr. Peter Safer** (*In Memoriam 1924-2003*), Viennese-born and educated, has been honored on nearly every continent for advancing medical practice and medical science, and the countless life-saving benefits that have resulted from his work. Many of these achievements were accomplished after his arrival in America in 1948, and included work in the development of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. In his later years, he worked at what is now known as the Safer International Research Center at UPMC; and,

WHEREAS, honoree **Jim Falcioni** has worked with German dance, music, and cultural organizations throughout his life including *Alpen Schuplattlers*, the *G.T.E.V. D'Lustigen Isartaler*, and the *Teutonia Männerchor*. He also produced and directed the musical, "The White Horse Inn" (*Im Weiseen Ross!*), a classic operetta, and donated all proceeds to the *Teutonia Männerchor*; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the late **Dr. Peter Safer**, **Jim Falcioni**, and all of the 2014 **German Heritage Parade** sponsors and participants; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, September 13, 2014, to be "**German Heritage Parade Day**" in the City of Pittsburgh. **Glück Auf!**