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WHEREAS, *Steel City Yellow Jackets* are in their inaugural season of the American Basketball Association (ABA) representing the City of Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, after much hard work, dedication and tryouts, the Yellow Jackets were pre-ranked 19th in the country out of 104 teams before the season began on November 8; and,

WHEREAS, their first game ever was a home game against the 9th ranking team, the Baltimore Hawks where the home crowd support lead the Yellow Jackets to a 9 point margin victory; and,

WHEREAS, by November, the Steel City Yellow Jackets were ranked number 4 in the country, but soon fell to 12th overall after a few misfortunes, but still good enough to take them to the ABA playoffs, where only the top 32 teams in the country attend; and,

WHEREAS, the Regionals and Divisional Championship, takes place at Pittsburgh Perry High School the weekend of March 14 and 15, where the Steel City Yellow Jackets will be hosting 3 other teams in the divisional rounds, of which the Yellow Jackets are ranked #1; and,

WHEREAS, the *Steel City Yellow Jackets* members all have ties to Pittsburgh and at least half could have played elsewhere for an actual paycheck, but the love for this city keeps them all here where they aim to build the rapport of the community through local youth sports programs; and,

Steel City Yellow Jackets: (1) Antonio Reddick; (2) Gilmore Cummings; (4) Nick Novak;
(5) Ajani Ogbonna; (7) Lawrence Baker; (11) Geno Bianco; (21) Maurice Mendoza;
(23) Brett Young; (24) Lamar Castille; (30) Nate Williams; (31) Albert Varacallo
(32) Robert Duck

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate the Steel City Yellow Jackets for a successful first season and wish them luck in the playoffs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, March 10, 2015, to be the "*Steel City Yellow Jackets Day*" in the City of Pittsburgh.