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WHEREAS, in the words of Heywood Hale Broun, “ Sports do not build character. They reveal it”. Jim Gregg, one of 7 siblings and born and bred in Greenfield, has revealed an extraordinary and giving character of his own and has given the opportunity to thousands of Greenfield children and teenagers to reveal the best of what they can be ; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Gregg has devoted his life to coaching children, having run and coached in the Greenfield Baseball Association for 50 years. With a love for sports and an eye on building character in his kids, Jim Gregg has taught the value of discipline and a strong work ethic and proven to be an important role model in their lives, stressing to his players to practice every day, don’t complain and surround yourself with good people; and,

WHEREAS, In another example of his dedication to the kids in his community, Jim has coached basketball at St. Rosalia School for 44 years, and coached the Pittsburgh Diocese Boys East Jr. Roundball Team for 28 of those years; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Gregg is President of the Magee Recreation Advisory Board, has been the President, Vice President and Board Member of the Greenfield Baseball Association and has been a 15TH Ward Committeeman for 22 years; and,

WHEREAS; Jim Gregg was a Deputy Warden at the Allegheny County Jail for 22 years, starting in 1973 when there were 300 inmates and retiring in 2005 with a census of 3000. In order to make the point that a misled life and the use of drugs could lead you down the wrong path, Jim, with community activists Dr. Bernard Bernacki and Diane Volensberger, started the Greenfield Organized Against Drugs Program with the express intent to give the teenagers of Greenfield direction so “they don’t end up where I worked”, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Jim Gregg for touching the lives of thousands of Greenfield children by teaching them life lessons and for being a role model and a Greenfield icon and congratulates Jim Gregg for his 50 years of coaching baseball in Greenfield, 44 years of coaching basketball at St. Rosalia’s and for a lifetime of unselfish devotion to his community; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, July 28, 2015, to be “ JIM GREGG DAY ” in the City of Pittsburgh.