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Title: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and honor the Himmelstein family for its role in developing the trail system in Riverview Park, and for bringing joy to countless Pittsburghers who visited the family dairy farm and horse stables; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, November 19, 2013 to be "Himmelstein Family Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsors: Darlene M. Harris, All Members

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WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh must recognize and honor those who have helped shape our region's rich and storied history; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Walter Himmelstein, born in 1855, and his wife Caroline immigrated to the United States from Baden, Germany in 1875 to start a new life as dairy farmers, being sponsored by an American family; and

WHEREAS, Joseph started the **Himmelstein Dairy Farm** in the late 1800s at the end of Grand Avenue in Allegheny City, which housed no less than fifty dairy cows; and

WHEREAS, Himmelstein Dairy served the community for more than sixty-five years, delivering milk in horse-drawn wagons and employing neighboring families; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W Himmelstein II and Joseph W Himmelstein III and his son **Joseph D Himmelstein** continued the family dairy tradition, even generously supplying desperate families with milk during the milk strike of the fifties; and

WHEREAS, Joseph II and Joseph III served our country valiantly in World War I and World War II respectively. **Joseph III** served in the First Cavalry Division and looked after our military's horses, before returning home to finish his education at Penn State, where he earned a degree in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, in 1887, **Joseph Walter Himmelstein** purchased a beautiful water-abundant tract of land

adjacent to what is now Riverview Park; and

WHEREAS, years later, during the Great Depression, the **Himmelsteins** worked with the City of Pittsburgh and the Works Progress Administration to map and construct more than thirty miles of Bridle trails throughout Riverview Park that are still used today; and

WHEREAS, **Joseph III** helped create the Riverview Valley Stable, which housed more than twenty-five horses used for horseback riding lessons, boarding, and showing. Thus began a long standing relationship between the **Himmelsteins** and their horses that has spanned six generations, and continues to this day. **Stacey Himmelstein White** and her daughter **Rhiannon White** have even won world titles in horse showing in 2012, and 2013; and

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