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<b>Title:</b>	NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and commend Evan Wolfson for his remarkable efforts to fight for equal rights for the LGBT community; and,  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare March 27, 2011 to be "EVAN WOLFSON DAY" in the City of Pittsburgh.		
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WHEREAS, Evan Wolfson, a Pittsburgh native, is a civil rights attorney and long-time lesbian/gay civil rights leader who is the Founder and current President of Freedom to Marry, a gay and non-gay partnership working to win marriage equality nationwide and end federal marriage discrimination; and,

WHEREAS, Evan Wolfson has had several notable legal accomplishments; he was co-counsel in the landmark Hawaii marriage case, *Baehr v. Miike*, which launched the current nationwide debate; he contributed to the team in the *Baker v. Vermont* Supreme Court ruling that lead to the creation of "civil unions," a new legal marital status for same-sex couples; and he worked with the GLAD team in *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health*, which lead to marriage equality in Massachusetts; and,

WHEREAS, Evan Wolfson has also championed lesbian and gay military personnel fighting for the right to serve; gay parents wishing to adopt children and preserve visitation rights; a Florida Deputy Sheriff who was fired for being gay; a person with AIDS seeking life-saving medical treatment refused by his insurer; a woman denied work as a Dallas Police Officer because of the state anti-gay law; and New York City employees demanding equal health benefits and recognition for their partners; and,

WHEREAS, Evan Wolfson has published numerous articles on sexual orientation and civil rights and is also the author of *Why Marriage Matters: America, Equality, and Gay People's Right to Marry*; and,

WHEREAS, Evan Wolfson has served as an Associate Council to Lawrence Walsh in the Office of Independent Counsel in Washington, D.C., has served on the New York State Task Force on Sexual Harassment, has taught at Columbia University and Rutgers University, and is a Senior Fellow at the New School's Wolfson Center for

National Affairs; and,

WHEREAS, Evan Wolfson is returning to Pittsburgh on March 27, 2011 as the keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, an organization that in its own right battles LGBT discrimination and moves public opinion through the courts, legislatures and public education.

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