WHEREAS, the Friends of the Pittsburgh Urban Forest believe that trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our communities; and WHEREAS, April 30, 2010 is Arbor Day which was initiated in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City who said "other holidays focus upon the past; Arbor Day focuses on the future" and in keeping with the spirit of its founders, this day of remembrance celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and ongoing care and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Arbor Day celebration represents an opportunity for Pittsburgh children and adults to take positive actions and make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Pittsburgh Urban Forest believe that building partnerships for Arbor Day activities will enhance efforts to promote environmental education and help the public understand the benefits of trees to society; and

WHEREAS, Friends of the Pittsburgh Urban Forest, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, the Student Conservation Association, and the Oakland Planning and Development Corporation have planned April 24th, 2010 as a day of tree planting, rain garden building, meadow installation, storm drain stenciling, litter pickups, restoration plantings, live music, food, and a great day in Schenley Park.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, hereby, commend these groups for their dedication and efforts to improve, Schenley Park, one of Pittsburgh's greatest jewels.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does, hereby, declare Friday, April 30, 2010 as Arbor Day in the City of Pittsburgh and encourages all the citizens of Pittsburgh to observe this day by doing their part to improve Pittsburgh's landscape.

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