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WHEREAS, Dog-Human Comparative Oncology Studies evaluates the use of certain cancer therapies that may be successfully used in both people and dogs; and

WHEREAS, to support research on that effort, Pittsburgh, coordinated by Brighton Heights native Megan Ward-Robinson, joined other cities across the country in the inaugural 2 Million Dogs Puppy Up! Walk for Cancer on November 7 as a project along with the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society, organized by 2 Million Dogs a 501 (c) (3), an organization that relies on the generosity of individuals and corporations to help in its mission to eradicate both human and canine cancer by investing in comparative oncology studies; and

WHEREAS, 2 Million Dogs 2 Miles grew from a cross-country walk by Luke Robinson of Austin, Texas, and his two dogs Hudson and Murphy who walked from Austin to Boston to fulfill a promise Luke made to his dog, Malcolm, a Great Pyrenees who died from cancer, Luke later formed 2 Million Dogs with the belief that if two dogs can walk 2000 miles to raise awareness about canine cancer surely two million dogs can walk 2 miles; and

WHEREAS, Brock Kitterman, who will be six years old on November 8th, and his family met Mr. Robinson while camping; and

WHEREAS, Brock, being a dog lover who is stable from Bilateral Retinoblastoma, a childhood cancer of the eyes that Brock has survived since 12 weeks, was asked by Mr. Robinson to Grand Marshall the 2 Million Dogs 2 Miles Walk here in Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, the Walk, from the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society North Shore Shelter to the National Aviary and back, includes games for families and dogs, a raffle and, of course, adoptable dogs to meet new potential owners; and

WHEREAS, money raised will be used at leading cancer research institutes in Colorado, Texas, Atlanta and more, to further work in comparative oncology because, like humans, dogs naturally develop cancer and cancers in dogs are rising at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, breeds at high risk for cancer include Boxers, Golden Retrievers, Great Pyrenees, Rottweilers, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Boston Terriers, English Bulldogs, Scottish Terriers, and Cocker Spaniel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the Western Pennsylvania Humane Society for finding homes for literally hundreds of animals in the Pittsburgh area annually and for the special projects they become involved with for the health and welfare of animals;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council recognizes the strength and resolve of Brock Kitterman

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and his love for animals that brought him to Grand Marshall 2 Million Dogs 2 Miles and also the diligent work of Luke Robinson and the 2 Million Dogs program for setting up the 2 Million Dogs Puppy Up Walk For Cancer - every penny raised may one day find medications that will cure both canine and human cancers.