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WHEREAS, Linda Lane was born in Morgantown, West Virginia, but lived in Des Moines nearly all her life and was educated in the Des Moines Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Linda Lane holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and a Master of Science in School Administration from Drake University, and received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane is a graduate of the Broad Superintendents Academy whose mission is to raise student achievement by recruiting, training and supporting executive leadership talent from across America to become the next generation of urban school district leaders; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane began her career as an elementary teacher in the Iowa City and Des Moines Public Schools and held various administrative positions before serving as Deputy Superintendent for the Des Moines Public Schools from 2003 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane joined Pittsburgh Public Schools as Deputy Superintendent in 2007, committed to working toward reaching the Pittsburgh Public School Board's goals and the district's Excellence for All reform agenda; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2010, the Pittsburgh Public School Board named Dr. Linda Lane incoming Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools, becoming the first African-American woman to be so named; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, she has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the most recent a 2010 Woman of Excellence award from The New Pittsburgh Courier and the 2006 President's Award for Community Improvement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane recognizes the challenges ahead, and, as Superintendent, will not shy away from the difficult decisions that will need to be made to ensure that Pittsburgh's students continue to improve their academic achievement at all levels; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Pittsburgh City Council does hereby proclaim February 1, 2011 as Dr. Linda Lane Day in Pittsburgh and urges the whole community to share in Dr. Lane's commitment and responsibility to achieve the vision of Excellence for All and the Pittsburgh Promise and to rededicate ourselves to the work of preparing Pittsburgh's students to be accomplished, lifelong learners.