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WHEREAS, founded in 1787 and established by the act of the General Assembly that year, the **University of Pittsburgh (Pitt)** has evolved from humble origins in a log cabin into an internationally recognized center of learning and research; and

WHEREAS, **Pitt** is the oldest continuously chartered institution of learning in the United States west of the Allegheny Mountains, and has been a State-related university since 1966; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, **Pitt** undergraduates have won multiple prestigious scholarships, including four Rhodes Scholarships, and have been a leading producer of Fulbright scholars, placing in the top 20 of all universities in the number of student scholars; and

WHEREAS, **Pitt** has been ranked in the top cluster of our nation's public research universities for the fifth consecutive year, and Kiplinger's and the Princeton Review have ranked **Pitt** as a "best value" in public higher education; and

WHEREAS, "Saviors of Our Cities 2009: A Survey of Best College and University Civic Partnership" ranked **Pitt** second overall, and the top public university in the nation, as a "Best Neighbor" for positive impact on its urban community; and

WHEREAS, **Pitt** employs more than 13,000 people at its Oakland campus and Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown and Titusville regional campuses and currently enrolls more than 26,000 Pennsylvania resident students, and 294,000 **Pitt** alumni are now residing in this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, **Pitt** has earned further recognition for its Pitt Panthers athletic teams and its broad array of education and cultural programs and health initiatives; and

WHEREAS, **Pitt** is among the nation's and the world's most active research institutions as evidenced by its more than \$800 million in annual research expenditures and its ranking in the top five schools in the amount of National Institutes of Health (NIH) research funding, which supports 28,000 local jobs and provides a tremendous return on the Commonwealth's investment in **Pitt**; and

WHEREAS, with an annual regional economic contribution exceeding \$2 billion, every dollar spent by the University community to buy goods and services is estimated to generate an additional 58 cents in spending in Allegheny County, **Pitt** is a powerful contributor to the regional economies;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby congratulate the **University of Pittsburgh** upon the monumental occasion of its 225th anniversary.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare February 28, 2012 to be University of Pittsburgh Day in the City of Pittsburgh.