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WHEREAS, The Polar Bear Plunge (Polar Plunge) is a fundraising event that benefits nearly 20,000 Special Olympians, allowing children and adults with intellectual disabilities to experience sports training and competition, a positive self-image, self-confidence, courage and joy; and,

WHEREAS, the third annual *Pittsburgh Polar Plunge* will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2012 at Heinz Field, 100 Art Rooney Ave, with festivities beginning at 9:00 AM and plunge time at 1:00 PM featuring Louis Lipps, former Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver as Plunge Master of Ceremonies; and,

WHEREAS, in 2011, over 1,200 plungers came out in our second year and raised a PA State record of nearly \$300,000 for the athletes and the 2012 Pittsburgh Polar Plunge set state-wide records again with over 2,000 plungers shattering the plunge fundraising record from 2011; and,

WHEREAS, join our Pittsburgh Police force, including Zone 6 Polar Police team who have currently raised over \$21,000 headed by Commander Scott Schubert, and all of the brave plungers who give much more than the funds raised; they give the Special Olympians acceptance, friendship and encouragement because they care about this worthwhile cause and it gives them an opportunity to give something back to the community; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby commend law enforcement officers and all of the plungers for "freezin' for a reason"; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Sunday, December 2nd, 2012, to be "Take the Plunge Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.