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WHEREAS, Mark Nordenberg first arrived in Pittsburgh as a high school senior when his father was transferred here by U.S. Steel; and,

WHEREAS, an honors graduate of both Thiel College and the University of Wisconsin Law School, Mr. Nordenberg began his career in private practice, but quickly realized that he was, first and foremost, an educator; a decision that would see him return to his beloved Pittsburgh to join the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1977; and,

WHEREAS, after earning a well-deserved reputation as a respected faculty member, a scholar, and administrator, Mr. Nordenberg was named Dean of the University of Pittsburgh Law School, a position he held for eight years; in 1995, he was named Interim Chancellor, and in 1996 was elected the 17th Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, during Chancellor Nordenberg's nineteen year tenure, the University of Pittsburgh has grown to become one of the nation's premier research institutions, generating more than \$9.5 billion of research support to the region; and,

WHEREAS, under Chancellor Nordenberg, the University attracted record levels of philanthropic support, drastically improved its standing in national academic rankings, and oversaw the construction of new, state of the art facilities throughout the Oakland campus, other city neighborhoods, and the University's four regional campuses in Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, and Titusville; and,

WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg forged a strong partnership with neighboring Carnegie Mellon University, and the two have collaborated on a wide range of economic development, education, and technology initiatives such as the Pittsburgh Digital Greenhouse, Pittsburgh Robotics Foundry, and the Technology Collaborative, further solidifying Pittsburgh's standing as a world-class leader in technological research; and,

WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg has been honored with numerous awards for active regional leadership, has chaired legislative commissions for the improvement of Pennsylvania's urban school districts and regional workforce development programs, and has built a strong relationship with UPMC, making Pittsburgh an internationally revered leader in healthcare and biomedical research; and,

WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg is a past Chair of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities and the Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education, a current member of the Executive Committees of the Association of American Universities and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, and a member of the Board of the BNY Mellon; and,

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WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg played a pivotal role in revamping the University of Pittsburgh's athletics program and in securing its recent entrance into the prestigious Atlantic Coast Conference; and,

WHEREAS, Chancellor Nordenberg will step down as Chancellor on August 1, 2014, after leading the University of Pittsburgh through one of the most impressive eras within its 227-year history.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor Chancellor Mark Nordenberg for his achievements and contributions to the Oakland community, the City of Pittsburgh, and western Pennsylvania region; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Tuesday, July 29, 2014 as “Mark Nordenberg Day” in the City of Pittsburgh.