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WHEREAS, throughout its history, Pittsburgh has hosted a vibrant, diverse, and innovative music scene that provides the City with great shows and great venues, attracts more and more young people to the City, and enhances its reputation as a lively place to make your home; and,

WHEREAS, **Pittonkatonk**, founded by “Pandemic” Pete Spynda and Rich Randall, who organized a community-supported, outdoor festival of brass and street music, offers listeners of all ages and all backgrounds the opportunity to be a part of Pittsburgh’s proud musical tradition, highlighting the importance of the arts and music in our community; and,

WHEREAS, last year’s event featured nine high-energy bands, coming from far and wide, from Providence, Rhode Island, to Pittsburgh’s Polish Hill, drawing community collaborators from across the City to Schenley Park for an entire day of music, food, drink, sharing, and family fun; and,

WHEREAS, **Pittonkatonk** will offer a three-day educational workshop for the high school marching bands, teaching the young performers about the contributions and positive role of musicians to their communities; and,

WHEREAS, **Pittonkatonk’s May Day Brass BBQ** will take place Saturday, May 2, 2015, going all day at the Vietnam Veterans Pavilion in Schenley Park. There will be no admission charge but monetary and/or pot-luck-style food donations are definitely encouraged.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize **Pittonkatonk**’s contribution to Pittsburgh’s vibrant arts scene and commends its commitment to artistic and musical education; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare Saturday, May 2, 2015, to be **“PITTONKATONK DAY”** in the City of Pittsburgh.