

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, I do hereby issue this proclamation honoring

GLOBAL LOVE DAY May 1, 2013

WHEREAS, the Love Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization established in 2000, celebrates Global Love Day on May 1st of each year. The ultimate goal of this organization is to communicate to all people that we are one humanity on this planet; and

WHEREAS, the motto of this day is "Love Begins With Me" and stresses self acceptance and forgiveness. It is a day of recollection that hopefully brings to the forefront the reality that love is the link that binds us all; and

WHEREAS, love is often masked by hurt, trauma, drama, pain and suffering. Concentration on emotional memories, unspoken doubt, fear and resentment keep us from realizing that as we dwell on the past we block out whatever good lies in our future; and

WHEREAS, to show and accept love that is freely shared expands the focus of our life, allowing us to accept the positive and release the negatives. It allows us to become more loving and understanding, it opens our ability to focus on others, diminishing the center of attention on ourselves, permitting us to embrace human diversity with tolerance and compassion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Luke Ravenstahl, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, thank The Love Foundation, Inc., for its work as a catalyst in bringing all people together in the realization that our lives are interconnected and interdependent and to accept all people as we accept our own. I do hereby declare May 1, 2013, "Global Love Day" here in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.



LUKE RAVENSTAHL

Mayor

