

*A Proclamation*

*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, 2007**

*WHEREAS, launched in December 2003, we celebrate Global Love Day on May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Our ultimate goal is that each person come to the realization that we are one humanity on this planet; and*

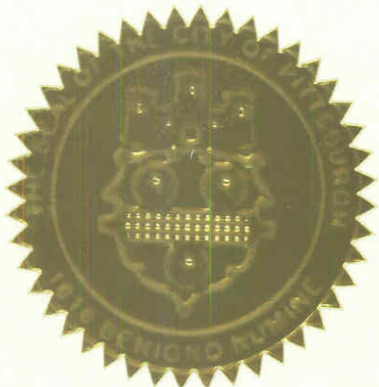
*WHEREAS, the motto of this day is "Love Begins With Me". It is a day of recollection that hopefully brings to the forefront the reality that love is the link that binds us all, for life itself is interconnected and interdependent; and*

*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 to dwell on the past we block out whatever good lies in our future; and*

*WHEREAS, love begins with self-acceptance and forgiveness. 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; and*

*WHEREAS, we must recognize that this new perspective on life will not be accepted by all but, with tolerance and compassion we embrace diversity, and together we make a difference through love.*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Luke Ravenstahl, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, ask that all citizens observe this day which honors the public cause for Global Love, World Peace, and Universal Joy. I do hereby declare May 1, 2007 "Global Love Day" here in the "Most Livable City of Pittsburgh".*



*Luke Ravenstahl*

LUKE RAVENSTAHL  
*Mayor*