

CITY OF  PITTSBURGH

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

*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, 2008**

**WHEREAS**, the Love Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization launched in December 2003, celebrates Global Love Day on May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The ultimate goal of this organization is to communicate to all peoples 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 diversity with tolerance and compassion.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Luke Ravenstahl, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, ask that all citizens open themselves to the realization that all life is interconnected and interdependent and to accept all as we accept our own. I do hereby declare May 1, 2008, "Global Love Day" here in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.



*Luke Ravenstahl*

**LUKE RAVENSTAHL**

*Mayor*