

WHEREAS, one of the most unique broadcasters in professional sports, Mike Lange, is in his 40th season as the voice of the Penguins, handling radio play-by-play on the club's flagship station, 105.9 FM "The X;" and,

WHEREAS, Lange's relationship with the Penguins began in 1974-75 when he broke into the NHL as a radio play-by-play announcer. After leaving for one season, he returned in 1976, and has been a fixture on the Penguins' scene ever since; and,

WHEREAS, Lange did radio exclusively until 1979, when games were simulcast on radio and television. He served as the TV voice of the Penguins through 2006 before returning to the radio booth in 2007; and,

WHEREAS, like fellow Pittsburgh sports announcers, the late Steelers announcer Myron Cope and the late Pirates announcer Bob Prince, Lange is known for his creative and colorful sayings, sometimes called "Lange-isms" by his fans; and,

WHEREAS, Lange won the Foster Hewitt Award by the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2001; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to his tenure with the Penguins, Lange is a well-known member of the Pittsburgh community, and makes numerous personal and philanthropic appearances throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the lasting contributions Mike Lange has made as a sports journalist and outstanding community leader; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare March 31, 2015 "Mike Lange Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsored by Councilman Dan Gilman

Co-sponsored by Council President Bruce Kraus, Councilmembers Deb Gross, Darlene M. Harris, Theresa Kail-Smith, Natalia Rudiak, Corey O'Connor, R. Daniel Lavelle, and Rev. Ricky V. Burgess

Bruce Kraus
President of Council

Attest: Mary Beth Doheny
Clerk of Council

In Council, March 31, 2015