

WHEREAS, when Jamie Oliver visited the City of Pittsburgh for the One Young World Conference in 2012, he posed a one-year challenge to Pittsburgh to become a healthier city; and,

WHEREAS, the Food Revolution Pittsburgh Cooking Club began in response to this challenge, meeting at Obama Academy every Tuesday, where a local chef teaches students a new recipe and culinary techniques that can be applied as essential cross-sector life skills; and,

WHEREAS, the cooking club established a working relationship with the Pittsburgh Public Schools' food service department to provide access to "fancy" water at no cost during lunch periods at fourteen Pittsburgh Public schools; and,

WHEREAS, the club has also established partnerships with community organizations to provide educational cooking demonstrations and recipes for children and families related to dining and living well; and,

WHEREAS, the mission of the Food Revolution Pittsburgh Cooking Club is to educate and through that, to empower; and,

WHEREAS, the Food Revolution Pittsburgh Cooking Club will host the 2nd annual Food Revolution Day Pittsburgh at Obama Academy; a celebration of our region's food culture and the people who work together to build it, fronted by local restaurant entrepreneurs, our community's youth, and a cohort of invested stakeholders; and,

WHEREAS, the celebration will consist of integrative activities, food booths, and theme-based exhibits focused on building and sustaining healthy communities in order to recognize and invigorate efforts dedicated to food-focused community development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize the Food Revolution Pittsburgh Cooking Club as an innovative player engaged in local issues of community development, raising awareness of healthy food options as well as the global issue of food security; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare May 16, 2014 as "Food Revolution Day" in the City of Pittsburgh.

Sponsored by Councilman Dan Gilman and Rev. Ricky V. Burgess

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

Bruce Kraus
President of Council

Attest: Mary Beth Doheny
Clerk of Council

In Council, May 6, 2014