Pittsburgh City Council



Proclamation



WHEREAS, on Sunday, February 1st, 2009, the **Pittsburgh Steelers** defeated the Arizona Cardinals to win, Super Bowl XLIII, by a score of 27 to 23; and

WHEREAS, Art Rooney Sr. founded the **Steelers** Organization as the Pirates in 1933, thus starting a tradition of hard-nosed, blue collar football which would shape what has become, the winningest team in all of the National Football League, **The Pittsburgh Steelers**; and

WHEREAS, Dan Rooney took the helm, as President of the **Steelers**, in 1975 and is the most revered and respected NFL team owner, and, during his tenure, has implemented a philosophy and management style which emphasizes open, practical and efficient management; and

WHEREAS, the results have been obvious: since 1972, the **Steelers** have been AFC Central and North Division champions 19 times, AFC champions seven times and Super Bowl champions six times; and

WHEREAS, the **Steelers** have had only three coaching changes since 1969, and Mike Tomlin, in his second year, has become the youngest coach to win a Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, NFL Commissioner, Roger Goodell, called Super Bowl XLIII "a game for the ages", because of plays such as James Harrison's record 100 yard interception runback for a touchdown, the first safety in a Super Bowl, or the 23 points scored in the last seven and a half minutes of the game and, of course, the acrobatic game winning touchdown by Santonio Holmes with 35 seconds left in the game; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby commend the Rooney Family on bringing notoriety to the City of Pittsburgh and also achieving greatness once again for the **Steeler Nation**; and

Now Therefore Be IT Further Resolved, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh recognizes the players, coaches and staff of the **Pittsburgh Steelers** by officially designating the City of Pittsburgh in 2009 as the "City of Sixburgh" in honor of the Steelers' win in Super Bowl XLIII.

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