

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 240319)

RESOLUTION

Celebrating 75 Years of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia is an educational international affairs non-profit organization founded in 1949 as a conduit for creating substantial and knowledgeable public interest in international cooperation and opening doors between Philadelphia and the world; and

WHEREAS, The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia conducts youth and student education programs that spark interest in international affairs and cooperation among students and children. These programs include Model Senate, Global Economic Forum, Citizen Diplomat Academy, Student Diplomat/ Junior Model United Nations Programs, Global Smarts Mentoring Program, an international high school exchange program, and summer programs serving children in middle or high school. The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia also hosts interactive conferences at schools, and is a co-sponsor and co-founder of William W. Bodine High School for International Affairs, founded in 1981 as a foreign affairs alternative high school; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of State has designated the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia as the facilitator of the International Visitor Leadership Program in the Greater Philadelphia Area. This program hosts over 400 international professionals and leaders at a professional exchange that fosters personal and professional connections between guests and locals; and

WHEREAS, The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia provides international travel experiences to the public, through their tours through all seven continents, and its travel program. The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia manages the City of Philadelphia's eleven sister cities, for which it maintains business, cultural, historical, and political relationships with, providing international opportunities for hundreds of residents of Philadelphia each year; and

WHEREAS, The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia provides professional global fluency training, giving professionals the skills and experience to successfully work internationally. They

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also host public speaker events, which allow citizens to form international connections and better understand world affairs; and

WHEREAS, The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia allows citizens to exchange ideas, debate, and explore ideas relating to world affairs. It has made international resources available to the residents of the City of Philadelphia and served as the region's largest and longest-running international nonprofit. Its 75th anniversary, celebrated in 2024, is a momentous and important occasion for the City of Philadelphia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, hereby honors and celebrates the 75th anniversary of the founding of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, and extends congratulations for their dedication and achievements; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, as evidence of the respect and admiration of this body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the eighteenth day of April, 2024.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
INTERIM CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Driscoll and Phillips

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Driscoll, Phillips, Lozada, Squilla, Gilmore
Richardson, O'Rourke, Landau, Ahmad, Young, Bass,
Thomas, Brooks and Harrity