

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 250923)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring Power 99's *Rise and Grind Morning Show* for its lasting contributions to radio and the cultural fabric of the City of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, For fourteen years, Philadelphians would “wake up” to the *Rise and Grind Morning Show*. This listening experience was significant for many, becoming a family tradition with children hearing their parents tuning in during their morning commute; and

WHEREAS, The *Rise and Grind Morning Show* aired weekday mornings from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Power 99 FM (WUSL); and

WHEREAS, The show became a defining voice for hip-hop and R&B listeners across the Delaware Valley, awakening the region each day with music, laughter, bold opinions, and real conversations about life, relationships, and the community; and

WHEREAS, The show's hosts brought an authentic, community-centered style that connected deeply with listeners and reflected the diversity and culture of the Philadelphia area; and

WHEREAS, *MuthaKnows* joined Power 99 WUSL in 2010 and quickly became a Philadelphia favorite, known for his quick wit, infectious energy and magnetic personality. His popular ‘The Tea’ segment, airing daily during the morning drive, was a favorite among listeners; and

WHEREAS, *Mikey Dredd*, a long-time Philadelphia radio personality with thirty years at Power 99 WUSL is known for his engaging style and connection with listeners. He first gained popularity hosting the weeknight ‘Hot Boyz’ show alongside co-host Uncle O, and in 2011, he transitioned to co-host the *Rise and Grind Morning Show*; and

WHEREAS, *Roxy Romeo* joined the *Rise and Grind Morning Show* in 2018. A nationally recognized radio veteran heard in over 63 markets, she has received numerous accolades for her contributions to radio and the community; and

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WHEREAS, The program consistently achieved strong ratings, reaching tens of thousands of listeners each morning and became a trusted source for news, pop culture, and lifestyle commentary in Philadelphia, setting the standard for urban morning radio; and

WHEREAS, The show was well known for its innovative features such as “The Tea” with MuthaKnows, Roxy’s Rundown with Roxy Romeo, Carmen’s “Phone Jack” and other audience-driven segments; and

WHEREAS, During its run, the show engaged the community, partnering with organizations to give away free backpacks to students in the Mayfair neighborhood, hosting “stop the music” segments to address important social issues and more; and

WHEREAS, Concluding its run in October 2025, the show’s legacy of blending music, culture, entertainment, and community engagement will be forever cherished by the thousands of Philadelphians who tuned in daily; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Recognizes and honors Power 99’s *Rise and Grind Morning Show* for its lasting contributions to radio and the cultural fabric of the City of Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to the hosts of the *Rise and Grind Morning Show*, as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative 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 twenty-third day of October, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

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