

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 240170)

RESOLUTION

Celebrating Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day in The City of Philadelphia

WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day is a significant day of recognition, celebrating the lives and service of the Tuskegee Airmen, and the people who assisted and supported them; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia proudly recognizes the service and sacrifices made by the Tuskegee Airmen, and acknowledges the work of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., appreciating the efforts made in memory of the Tuskegee Airmen; and

WHEREAS, The Tuskegee Airmen from and residing in Philadelphia made significant contributions to the United States of America's success during World War II, and the eventual desegregation of the United States Military in 1948 by Presidential Order 9981; and

WHEREAS, The 992 Graduates of the courses offered at the Tuskegee Air Field flew 1,578 missions, destroying 261 enemy aircraft, ultimately leading to the Tuskegee Airmen earning over 850 medals; and

WHEREAS, The mural and plaque, *Tuskegee Airmen: They Met the Challenge*, located at 16 South 39th Street, created by Marcus Akinlana in 2008, serves as a reminder of the contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen in Philadelphia and their sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of the Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day provides opportunities for residents and visitors to appreciate the cultural significance of the first Black department of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Thursday, March 28th, will mark the 83rd anniversary of the creation of the Tuskegee Airmen Unit; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of Philadelphia affirms the importance of identifying and honoring the sacrifices of the Tuskegee Airmen and their supporters; especially those residing in

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or who are from the Greater Philadelphia area, as part of its commitment to recognizing cultural and military impacts to the history of Philadelphia and the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, hereby acknowledges and celebrates Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day on March 28th, 2024, and extends gratitude for the sacrifices made and service of the Tuskegee Airmen and their supporters.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Philadelphia Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. as evidence of the admiration and respect 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 seventh day of March, 2024.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
INTERIM CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Driscoll

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