

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 250790)

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the third week of September 2025 as National Construction Appreciation Week in the City of Philadelphia, honoring the contribution of the construction industry to the vitality of our City.

WHEREAS, The United States celebrates National Construction Appreciation Week annually during the third week of September, to honor and raise awareness of the essential work trades and construction professionals perform; and

WHEREAS, According to Deloitte, more than 8 million workers are employed in the U.S. construction industry, which contributes over 2 trillion dollars annually to the national economy; and

WHEREAS, A 2023 report by the Economy League of Greater Philadelphia demonstrates that Philadelphia and the Greater Philadelphia region's construction sector have grown steadily in recent years. As of 2023, the industry employs about 121,000 individuals, and represents about 1.3 percent of the regions non-agricultural employment; and

WHEREAS, Multi-family housing construction in Philadelphia has seen a record amount of growth, according to Cushman & Wakefield, contributing to an 8.1 percent expansion in the existing renter-occupied inventory; and

WHEREAS, The construction industry in Philadelphia is not only a vital source of employment but also plays a critical role in shaping the City's infrastructure, from housing to public works to urban development. Construction work creates new opportunities for residents while preserving Philadelphia's rich history; and

WHEREAS, Policies like tariffs on steel and aluminum have drove up prices 2.4 percent for steel and 1.6 percent for aluminum according to the U.S. International Trade Commission, adding 3.4 billion dollars in costs for U.S. imports, whilst reducing the labor force by more than 1.2 million workers nationwide, reported by the Associated Press, contributing to already beleaguered labor shortages in Philadelphia's building sector; and

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WHEREAS, In today's world, it is of the upmost importance to honor our construction workers and trade professionals who work difficult, manually skilled jobs that improve our City's quality of life in ways that too often go unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, The streets we walk on, the buildings we work at, and the homes we live in are all thanks to Philadelphia's robust construction and trades industry, what seems like a small part of our day, it turns out, is a culmination of a massive, essential industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the third week of September 2025 be recognized as National Construction Appreciation Week, honoring the contribution of the construction industry to the vitality of our City.

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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 September, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Harrity

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