

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 260648)

RESOLUTION

Honoring Pride House Philadelphia 2026 and their local partners, the Philadelphia Falcons, for fostering, uplifting, and advancing a welcoming space for LGBTQ+ athletes, sports fans, and allies during the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

WHEREAS, Pride House Philadelphia is a local chapter of an international network with a mission to develop safe spaces for LGBTQ+ and allied viewers to enjoy the FIFA World Cup; and

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Falcons Soccer Club was founded in June 1989 as an inclusive space for soccer players in an environment where fair play, fitness, friendship and fun can all flourish. It was founded when soccer player Drew Adair, recognized the urgent need for an LGBTQIA+ space for soccer players, and organized, advertised, and built a small team of eight players practicing on the Drexel University field hockey green before officially entering a league and naming the team, “Falcons” that October, expanding with a women’s team in 1998, and ultimately growing to 1,200 members. The Philadelphia Falcons supports teams in leagues across Philadelphia and is on the forefront of community; and

WHEREAS, During large-scale international sporting events, the Pride House is a venue welcoming LGBTQ+ soccer fans, athletes, and allies, by partnering with local hubs throughout the events’ host cities. In collaboration with the Philadelphia Falcons, Pride House Philadelphia aims to create a space not only for the LGBTQ+ community to watch big sporting events but to feel safe, empowered, and revel in a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, More than just watch parties, Pride House Philadelphia will feature family activities, artist collaborations, movie nights, drag shows, and educational spaces for LGBTQ+ fans, athletes, and allies to engage in conversations around inclusion in sports throughout the World Cup; and

WHEREAS, Pride House Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Falcons exemplify the power of inclusivity in sports by championing visibility, safety, and belonging for the LGBTQ+

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community at every level of athletic engagement, ensuring LGBTQ+ participants and allies can fully and safely engage in the excitement of major sporting events; and

WHEREAS, Their efforts will ensure that Philadelphia will not just be seen as inclusive but will truly be a welcoming and affirming City for LGBTQ+ athletes, visitors, and supporters from around the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors Pride House Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Falcons for their dedication in fostering, uplifting, and advancing a welcoming space for LGBTQ+ athletes, fans, and allies in large-scale sporting events.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to Pride House Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Falcons as evidence of the sincere sentiment 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 eleventh day of June, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Landau

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Landau, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson,
Gauthier, Jones, Lozada, Brooks, O'Rourke, Squilla and
Ahmad