

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 241118)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Taller Puertorriqueño, Inc. for its remarkable contributions to the cultural, educational, and artistic enrichment of Philadelphia's Latino and broader communities.

WHEREAS, Taller Puertorriqueño was founded 50 years ago on December 4, 1974, in the heart of Philadelphia's Latino community, has served as a pillar of cultural pride and empowerment for five decades; and

WHEREAS, Taller Puertorriqueño, also known as "El Corazón Cultural del Barrio," was established with a mission to preserve, develop, and promote Puerto Rican arts and culture, while providing a welcoming space for the exchange of cultural ideas and expressions from diverse Latino communities; and

WHEREAS, Domingo Negrón and Rick Hall are founders of Taller Puertorriqueño which was established in 1974 by Puerto Rican and Latino artists and activists in Philadelphia; and Johnny Irizarry, Dr. Carmen Febo-San Miguel, Nasheli Juliana Ortiz González, Pedro Perez, and Carmen Puigdóllers have all contributed to the expansion of Taller Puertorriqueño under their leadership as executive directors; and

WHEREAS, For 50 years, Taller Puertorriqueño has continued to be a vital resource for progress in the Philadelphia Barrio and the region. It is now recognized as a model organization that uses the arts as a vehicle for social change. It is also the largest Puerto Rican/Latino-based arts and cultural facility in the state of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The 50th Anniversary Gala will serve as a momentous occasion to recognize Taller Puertorriqueño's key milestones and honor the individuals and partners who have contributed to its success, while raising critical funds to ensure the future sustainability of its programming and outreach efforts; and

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WHEREAS, In recognition of its 50th anniversary, Taller Puertorriqueño is being honored not only for its past achievements but for its continued commitment to enriching the cultural landscape of Philadelphia for future generations. now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Taller Puertorriqueño, Inc. and extends its sincere gratitude for the organization's ongoing dedication to the cultural and educational development of our City.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Taller Puertorriqueño as a sincere expression of the Philadelphia City Council's recognition and appreciation.

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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 fifth day of December, 2024.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
INTERIM CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Lozada

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier,
Brooks, O'Rourke, Driscoll and O'Neill