

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 110503)

RESOLUTION

Declaring June 10th 2011, as Homeless Children Awareness Day in Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, More than 1,000 Philadelphia children and youth sleep in a shelter every night according to an August 2011 report entitled, *Philadelphia Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness: Practical Strategies for Action*; and

WHEREAS, Homelessness is not simply defined by living in a shelter, but includes an invisible part of the population that has unstable living conditions and that live from couch to couch; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Philadelphia youth and children struggle with the issues of housing, employment, education, healthcare and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, The Mural Arts Program has dedicated its efforts to highlighting the issue of housing insecurity for Philadelphia youth through its project, *A Place to Call Home*, as a way to give an outlet to the youth involved, where their stories and struggles inspire the art, and help draw attention to the issue and the housing resources available; and

WHEREAS, On June 10th, the Mural Arts Program will dedicate *A Place to Call Home*, bringing together Mayor Nutter, members of the Family Service Provider Network, various housing providers, community members and the general public to experience the project; and

WHEREAS, The dedication will highlight the issue of housing from a youth perspective and announce the establishment of Homeless Children Awareness Day, the beginning of a City-wide recognition of this widespread issue; now therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, BY THE PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL, That the day of June 10th 2011 is declared Homeless Children Awareness Day.

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RESOLUTION NO. 110503 continued

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the ninth of June, 2011.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Blackwell

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Reynolds Brown, Miller, Goode, Green, Jones, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Greenlee, Krajewski, DiCicco, Clarke, Rizzo, Sanchez, Tasco and Kenney