

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 090038)

## RESOLUTION

Honoring and Recognizing America I AM, the African American Imprint, as a historic exhibit on display at the National Constitution Center.

**WHEREAS**, The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia will host the world debut of **America I AM: The African American Imprint** on display from January 15<sup>th</sup> until May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, A new exhibition that will be celebrating nearly 500 years of African American contributions that will canvass more than 13,000 square feet within the center; and

**WHEREAS**, The exhibition will present a historical continuum of pivotal moments in courage, conviction, and creativity that solidifies the undeniable imprint of African Americans across the nation and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, The display will contain more than 200 artifacts and information to provide context and background to the exhibit as to how African American have contributed and shaped American culture; and

**WHEREAS**, The exhibit will highlight many aspects of African American history leading up to present day events, including the inauguration of the first African American president; and

**WHEREAS**, A part of the National Constitution Center's collection for most of 2009, the series conveys a journey from struggle to triumph to celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, Featuring such poignant pieces as: "*The Doors of No Return*, (a door were enslaved African passed through to board ships to the New World)" *Malcolm X's dairy and personal Koran*, and many other important items from the beginnings of our nation through contemporary popular culture; and

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**WHEREAS**, By visiting the exhibit citizens will now be inspired and engaged in an important cultural and historical dialogue at the National Constitution Center; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**, That we hereby honor and recognize **America I AM, the African American Imprint** exhibit, as a cultural experience shared through United States culture and history to tell the unique story of African Americans contributions to this nation on display at the National Constitution Center.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to representatives from **America I AM, the African American Imprint** series, Tavis Smiley Group, and the National Constitution Center for honoring the work, efforts, and legacy of African Americans as evidence of the sincere sentiments 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 twenty-second of January, 2009.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, Green, DiCicco, Rizzo, Kenney, Goode, Krajewski, Jones, Blackwell, Miller, Sanchez and Kelly