

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 230294)

## RESOLUTION

Proclaiming May 9, 2023 as “Kiyoshi Kuromiya” day in Philadelphia for his contribution to the civil rights struggles of African-Americans, the LGBTQ community, and those affected by HIV and AIDS.

Whereas, Kiyoshi Kuromiya was born on May 9, 1943 at the Heart Mountain Internment Camp for Japanese Americans during World War 2. The injustice of this action was a driving force in Kiyoshi’s life and laid the groundwork for his participation in the various civil rights struggles during his lifetime; and

Whereas, Kiyoshi Kuromiya was brutally beaten by police at a demonstration during the Freedom Summer of 1963 and later attended the March on Washington meeting Dr. King and James Baldwin later that evening; and

Whereas, Kiyoshi Kuromiya befriended the theorist Buckminster Fuller in Philadelphia and participated in writing the final four books by Mr. Fuller before he died in 1983; and

Whereas, because of his work with Mr. Fuller, Kiyoshi started the Critical Path AIDS Project, which was responsible for distributing information about HIV and AIDS during a time when information was scarce. Mr. Kuromiya possessed a formative understanding of computers and the internet and used those platforms to distribute vital information well before many people understood those technologies; and

Whereas, Kiyoshi participated in a class action lawsuit which struck down provisions of the Communication Decency Act of 1996 that would have prevented the distribution of factual information about HIV and AIDS to minors, and

Whereas, Kiyoshi was a well-regarded restaurant reviewer, scrabble champion, and loved to watch Jeopardy and answer the questions while working on multiple projects, and

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Whereas, We are very honored and proud of Kiyoshi, an adopted Philadelphian who cared deeply for marginalized people everywhere and feel it only fitting to honor him with a “Kiyoshi Kuromiya Day” on what would have been his 80th birthday; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we honor and recognize Kiyoshi Kuromiya on his achievements and support of the civil rights of all communities.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the LGBTQ community of Philadelphia in honor of the work of Kiyoshi Kuromiya and recognize that May 9<sup>th</sup> will heretofore be understood as Kiyoshi Kuromiya day.

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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 Thirteenth day of April, 2023

Darrell L. Clarke  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Squilla

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Squilla, Jones, Driscoll, Gilmore Richardson,  
Johnson, Bass and Thomas