

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 140709)

RESOLUTION

Endorsing the People's Climate March in New York City scheduled to precede the United Nations Climate Summit that will take place on September 23, 2014, in New York City and supporting the thousands of Philadelphians traveling to New York to participate in the march.

WHEREAS, In September, world leaders are going to New York City for a United Nations summit on climate change; and

WHEREAS, Over 3,000 Philadelphians representing over 65 organizations, including religious, community, and student groups, will travel to New York City to participate in the People's Climate March to demand that the world respond to the climate change crises and develop a more sustainable environment and economy; and

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency determined that current and future greenhouse gas concentrations endanger public health, and, according to the Global Humanitarian Forum, climate change already seriously affects 325 million people, and is responsible for 300,000 deaths and \$125 billion in economic losses worldwide each year; and

WHEREAS, Extreme weather events, most notably heat waves and precipitation extremes, are occurring with increased frequency, with deadly consequences for people and wildlife. In the United States in 2011 alone, 14 weather and climate disasters occurred, including droughts, heat waves, and floods; and

WHEREAS, Climate change is affecting food security by negatively impacting the growth and yields of important crops, and droughts, floods, and changes in snowpack are altering water supplies; and

WHEREAS, Economic impacts of climate change such as higher prices for food, water, energy, and health costs disproportionately burden low-income households; and

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WHEREAS, The sea level is rising along the East Coast of the United States faster than it has risen for the last 2,000 years, is accelerating in pace, and could rise by one to two meters this century, threatening millions of Americans with severe flooding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY PHILADELPHIA, That the Council does hereby endorse the People's Climate March in New York City scheduled to precede the United Nations Climate Summit that will take place on September 23, 2014, in New York City and supports the thousands of Philadelphians traveling to New York to participate in that march.

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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 eighteenth day of September, 2014.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Bass

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Bass, Kenney, Greenlee, Goode, Quiñones
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