

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 060072)

## RESOLUTION

Honoring the African American Children's Book Project on the occasion of the Annual African American Children's Book Fair.

WHEREAS, For fourteen years the African American Children's Book Fair has enhanced multi-culturalism in our City utilizing the joy of reading as a tool; and

WHEREAS, The importance of book fairs can not be understated for many of our youth use reading to better know the world around them and use books to help them develop into well educated adults; and

WHEREAS, One of the most important reasons to encourage reading in our children is that studies show that the more our youth read the more likely they are to make positive lifestyle decisions as they grow older; and

WHEREAS, Strictly judging by attendance the fair is a tremendous success as well over 4,000 people attended the Fair in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Rich or poor, no one leaves empty handed as posters bookmarks and raffle books are distributed free of charge to attendees; and

WHEREAS, The books themselves are priced at a level where they are more affordable than in many of the bookstores in the region; and

WHEREAS, Many of the authors and illustrators will be in attendance as well as local celebrities to further enhance the excitement and vibrancy that the book fair exudes; and

WHEREAS, One of the esteemed authors in attendance will be Dr. Angelia D. Nelson who wrote "The Ghetto Is Not My Final Destination" to provide young girls around the world with motivating and insightful information to assist them on their journey to securing a brighter future; and

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WHEREAS, The Fair is lucky to host a terrific local author in Tokunbo Adelekan who wrote "*African Wisdom: 101 Proverbs from the Motherland*" which shares African reflections that carry messages and enjoyment for young and old alike; and

WHEREAS, The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Book Fair will be held free of charge on Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> from one to three pm at the gymnasium of the Community College of Philadelphia located at 17<sup>th</sup> & Spring Garden Streets; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor the African American Children's Book Project, and authors Dr. Angelia Nelson and Tokunbo Adelekan on the occasion of the Annual African American Children's Book Fair.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to representatives of the African American Children's Book Project, Dr. Angelia Nelson, and Tokunbo Adelekan for their hard work and efforts in the promotion of children's literacy, 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 second of February, 2006.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Reynolds Brown, DiCicco, Goode, Miller, Clarke, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Ramos, Krajewski, Mariano, Rizzo, Nutter, Kenney, Tasco, Kelly, Blackwell and O'Neill