

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 260151)

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring The Philadelphia Orchestra on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary, celebrating its founding in 1900 and its enduring role in establishing Philadelphia as a global center of culture, creativity, and artistic excellence.

WHEREAS, The Orchestra's unmistakable "Philadelphia Sound" has become synonymous with musical excellence, earning international acclaim and elevating the City's reputation on the world stage through historic recordings, global tours, and cultural diplomacy that have connected Philadelphia to audiences across continents; and

WHEREAS, Beyond the concert hall, the Philadelphia Orchestra has demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to the people of this City through robust education and community engagement programs, bringing music into schools, neighborhoods, public spaces, and community institutions, and ensuring that the transformative power of music is accessible to Philadelphians of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Through its longstanding home in Philadelphia and its current residence at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, the Orchestra has contributed not only to the City's cultural vitality but also to its economic life, tourism, and civic identity, serving as a symbol of Philadelphia's resilience, creativity, and shared pride; and

WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Philadelphia recognizes the Philadelphia Orchestra as a treasured civic institution whose legacy reflects the city's highest aspirations and whose future continues to inspire creativity, unity, and excellence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA. Hereby recognizes and honors the Philadelphia Orchestra on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary and extends its profound gratitude for the Orchestra's enduring contributions to the cultural, educational, and civic life of Philadelphia, celebrating a legacy that enriches our city and resonates around the world.

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*RESOLUTION NO. 260151 continued*

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-sixth day of February, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Ahmad

Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Ahmad, Phillips, Gauthier, Landau, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, O'Neill, Squilla and Bass