

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 140773)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring Art-Reach for the ACCESS Admission initiative which connects underserved populations with Philadelphia's arts and cultural institutions.

WHEREAS, On September 1st Art-Reach, an arts accessibility nonprofit aimed at expanding the arts and cultural opportunities for lower income families, launched the ACCESS Admission initiative; and

WHEREAS, ACCESS Admission connects Philadelphians who carry an ACCESS or EBT card with seventeen (17) area museums for the discounted rate of \$2 per person; and

WHEREAS, Thirty (30) percent of Philadelphians and sixteen (16) percent of residents in the surrounding five counties participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and receive EBT cards; and

WHEREAS, Admission to some museums can cost upwards of \$20 per person, greatly limiting access to our underserved residents who are on fixed budgets. The ACCESS Admission program will permit nearly 480,000 residents to visit a variety of museums and arts programs throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, The ACCESS Admission initiative furthers the mission of Art-Reach by connecting underserved families with museums, science centers, historic sites and gardens; and

WHEREAS, In the first year participating ACCESS Admission Venues consist of seventeen (17) sites, including: the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the National Constitution Center, Independence Seaport Museum, the Please Touch Museum and others; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY PHILADELPHIA, That the Council hereby recognizes and honors Art-Reach for the ACCESS Admission initiative which connects underserved populations with Philadelphia's arts and cultural institutions.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Art-Reach 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 thesecond day of October, 2014.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Bass

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Bass, Reynolds Brown, Goode, Jones, Blackwell, Kenney, Oh and Squilla